

GEOG 1302
Human Geography

Western Texas College
Department of Social Sciences

- I. **Basic Course Information**
 - A. Course description - This course introduces students to fundamental concepts, skills, and practices of human geography. Place, space, and scale serve as a framework for understanding patterns of human experience. Topics for discussion may include globalization, population and migration, culture, diffusion, political and economic systems, language, religion, gender, and ethnicity
 - B. Prerequisites - Student should have a proficiency in reading and writing.
- II. **Student Learning Outcomes.** Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
 - A. Demonstrate an understanding of key concepts and processes in human geography.
 - B. Identify how cultural practices shape the landscape.
 - C. Demonstrate an understanding of human/environment interactions.
 - D. Describe and explain the importance and impact of globalization.
- III. **Major Course Requirements**
 - A. **Exams:** There will be **three to four** major exams spaced throughout the semester. Exam questions may include any combination of the following: True/false, multiple choice, fill in the blanks, short answer, and essay.
 - B. **Writing Assignments:** There will be **multiple** writing assignments spaced throughout the semester.
 - C. **Collaborative Exercises:** There will be **multiple** collaborative exercises spaced throughout the semester. Each of these assignments will require you to work with your peers analyzing documents, articles, and other information relating to the study of geography.
- IV. **Information on Books and Other Course Materials**
 - A. Getis, Bjelland, and Getis. (2018) Introduction to Geography, 15th Edition. McGraw Hill, ISBN10: 1259570002
- V. **Other Policies** Please refer to the [WTC Course Catalog](#) for the following:
 - A. Campus Calendar
 - B. Final Exam schedule
 - C. How to drop a class
 - D. Withdrawal information
 - E. Student Conduct/Academic Integrity
 - F. Students with disabilities
- VI. **Course Organization & Tentative Schedule***

Week	Topics	Reading Assignments
Week 1	Course Introduction	
Week 2	Introduction to Geography	Chapter 1
Week 3	Techniques of Geographic Analysis	Chapters 2 & 3
Week 4	Introduction to Human Geography	Chapter 6

Week 5	Introduction to the Biosphere	
Week 6	Population Geography	Chapter 5
Week 7	Cultural Geography	Chapter 6
Week 8→9	Human Interaction	Chapter 7
Week 10->11	Political Geography	Chapter 8
Week 12	Economic Geography	Chapters 9 & 10
Week 13	Urban Geography	Chapter 11
Week 14	Semester Project	
Week 15	Review	
Week 16	Final Exam	

*The above schedule, policies, procedures, and assignments in this course are subject to change.