

GEOG 1303
World Regional Geography

Western Texas College
Department of Social Science

- I. Basic Course Information**
- A. Course Description: This course is an introduction to the world's major regions seen through their defining physical, social, cultural, political, and economic features. These regions are examined in terms of their physical and human characteristics and their interactions. The course emphasizes relations among regions on issues such as trade, economic development, conflict, and the role of regions in the globalization process
 - B. Prerequisites: Students should have a proficiency in reading.
- II. Student Learning Outcomes**
- A. Define and explain the geographic concept of "region."
 - B. Locate significant geographic features of regions of the world and describe their cultural, economic, political, and physical characteristics.
 - C. Demonstrate knowledge of each region's role in a globalizing world.
 - D. Apply geographic concepts to understanding current events, conflicts, and issues in a regional context.
- III. Major Course Requirements**
- A. Exams: There will be Three or Four Exams for the semester and questions may include any or all of the following: multiple choices, fill in the blanks, short answer, maps, graphs, and essay.
 - B. Special Projects and map activities: There will be ten to fifteen projects involving observing and recording weather phenomenon, creating and interpreting maps, graphing demographic data and reporting observations involving human behavior. Also included in this portion of the grade is the oral report on Traditional Cultures mentioned above.
 - C. Class Participation: This grade will be determined by how well and how positively the student contributes to class discussion.
- IV. Information on Books and Other Course Materials**
- A. Finlayson, Cailin. (2016) World Regional Geography
<https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/world-regional-geography> (This is online and free!!!)
- 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	Readings
Week 1	Introduction to the discipline of geography	None
Week 2	Continued Introduction to geography	None
Week 3	Techniques of Geographic Analysis	None
Week 4	Introduction to Regional Geography	None

Week 5	Latin America	Chapter 1
Week 6	Europe	Chapter 2
Week 7	Southwest Asia	Chapter 3
Week 8	East Asia	Chapter 4
Week 9	South Asia	Chapter 5
Week 10	Africa	Chapter 6
Week 11	Russian and Transcausia	Chapter 7
Week 12	Southeast Asia	Chapter 8
Week 13	Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific	Chapter 9
Week 14	Project	None
Week 15	Review	
Week 16	Final Exam	

*Disclaimer: The above schedule, policies, procedures, and assignments in this course are subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.