

**Geography 100G 3:00-5:10 Tues/Thurs.**  
Winter Quarter, 2008  
Classroom: **D273**  
Office Hours: Daily 8:30-9:30

**Introduction to Geography**  
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**Course Description:**

The first component of the course introduces the student to geography by examining the historical development of the discipline followed by a description of the nature, the structure, and the five themes of geography. The second component looks at maps and mapping techniques. The third and fourth sections investigate the earth science and culture-environment traditions. A workbook, atlas, and videos introduce regions and locations to the students.

**Course Objectives:**

- To define geography
- To understand the five themes of geography
- To understand the structure of geography
- To have a general knowledge of the historical development of geography
- To understand map projections and mapping techniques
- To define and understand the earth science tradition in geography
- To define and understand the culture-environment tradition in geography
- To understand the interrelationship between both traditions
- To learn how to use an atlas for the purpose of identifying regions, places, and locations

**Texts:**

**Introduction to Geography, 11th edition** Getis Getis and Fellmann  
**Atlas of World Geography, Special Edition** Rand McNally  
**World Place Locations**, Roselle Walker  
**Map Packet, and SCANTRON Packet**

# COURSE OUTLINE

## Readings

### **Section I Introduction**

- The Nature of Geography
- Definition of Geography
- Evolution of Geography
- Geographic Concepts
- Geography's Themes

**Chapter 1**

**Chapter 13, Pgs. 465-476**

### **Section II Maps, and Mapping**

- Earth dimensions
- Geographic grid
- Map projections, patterns, and quantities
- Remote sensing and GIS

**Chapter 2**

**Appendix 1**

### ***EXAM ONE***

### **Section III Earth Science Tradition: Part One**

- Geomorphology/Landforms

**Chapter 3**

### ***EXAM TWO***

### **Section IV Earth Science Tradition: Part Two**

- Climatology/Weather and Climate

**Chapter 4**

### ***EXAM THREE***

### **Section V The Geography of Natural Resources**

- Nonrenewable resources
- Renewable resources

**Chapter 5**

### ***EXAM FOUR***

### **Section VI Culture-environment Tradition**

- Population geography

**Chapter 6**

***Population Appendix 2***

### ***FINAL***

**Course requirements and policies:**

A minimum of **60%** is required to pass. Four exams and a Final are scheduled. The three highest exam scores are counted. The lowest exam score is eliminated. Each exam and Final has a value of **20%**.

3 Exams @	20% each	=	60%
Final @	20%	=	20%
Quizzes	15%	=	15%
WPL Exercises	5%	=	<u>5%</u>
			100%

The Final is not comprehensive and cannot be dropped. **FINALS ARE NOT GIVEN EARLY!**  
The Final is on **Thursday, March 20, at 1:30 in D273.**

***NO EXAM or QUIZ MAKE UPS. EXTRA CREDIT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE EXAMS.***

Last day to withdraw: **Midnight, Feb. 17, (ONLINE).** A “W” will be posted on transcript.  
Failure to withdraw by the above deadline will result in an “F” posted on transcript.

**The use of Palm Pilots, Cell Phones, Electronic Dictionaries, and Laptops are prohibited during all assessments.**

**Make sure cell phones are turned off before coming into the classroom.**

**GRADE TABLE**

A	4.0	93-100	C+	2.3	77-79	F	0.0	<60
A-	3.7	90-92	C	2.0	73-76			
B+	3.3	87-89	C-	1.7	70-72			
B	3.0	83-86	D+	1.3	67-69			
B-	2.7	80-82	D	1.0	60-66			

**General Education Requirements:**

This course satisfies General Education Requirements in the following areas:

<u>Cultural Traditions</u>		<u>Science and Environment</u>
Historical & Intellectual Perspectives	Cultural Diversity	Science and the Natural World
3	2	2

## ***PLACE LOCATION QUIZ SECTION***

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|-----|-----------------------|--|---------|
| 1.  | Unit 1                | Major Features of the Planet                       | Jan. 8  |
| 2.  | <b><i>Unit 2a</i></b> | <b><i>Europe and Russia Cultural*</i></b>          | Jan. 10 |
| 3.  | <b><i>Unit 2b</i></b> | <b><i>Europe and Russia Physical*</i></b>          |         |
| 4.  | Unit 3                | East Asia  |         |
| 5.  | Unit 4                | South and Central Asia                             |         |
| 6.  | Unit 5                | Southeast Asia and Australasia                     |         |
| 7.  | <b><i>Unit 6</i></b>  | <b><i>Northern Africa and the Middle East*</i></b> |         |
| 8.  | Unit 7                | Southern Africa                                    |         |
| 9.  | Unit 8                | South and Central America                          |         |
| 10. | <b><i>Unit 9a</i></b> | <b><i>North America Cultural*</i></b>              |         |
| 11. | <b><i>Unit 9b</i></b> | <b><i>North America Physical*</i></b>              |         |

***\*Quizzes Units 2ab, 6, and 9ab cannot be dropped.*** The lowest score from the remaining quizzes will automatically be dropped.

**ONE MAKEUP ONLY, DUE TO ABSENCE!**    **There is no comprehensive final quiz.**

Each quiz is worth **25** points. Total points counted **250**.

How to calculate your end of quarter quiz grade.

Drop your lowest score and add up all your points. Let's say you received a total of **215**. Then take your accumulated **215** points and divide by the total points counted **250**. The last step, you multiply by **100** to convert to a percentage.

**EXAMPLE:  $215/250 = 0.86 \times 100 = 86\%$ .**