

**IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE COURSE SYLLABUS – GEOG 102**

**Basic Course Information**

Semester:	<b>Spring 2020</b>	Instructor Name:	<b>Austen Thelen</b>
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Class Dates:	<b>February 18 – June 12</b>	Office Hours:	Live: Mondays 4:00-4:30pm; Tuesdays 4:15-5:45pm Online: Mondays 5:20-6:20pm; Wednesdays 4:00-4:30; Thursdays 1:00-1:30pm
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Units:	<b>3</b>		

**Course Description**

An introduction to the regions and cultures of the world. Emphasis on the contemporary demographic, linguistic, religious, and economic characteristics of major regions in the world. May be taken before GEOG 100. (CSU,UC)

**Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)**

There are no prerequisites, nor corequisites for GEOG 102

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Analyze and compare cultures in terms of global population patterns.(ILO1, ILO2, ILO5)

2. Analyze current spatial geographic events using the Five Themes of Geography (ILO1, IOL2, IOL4)
3. Evaluate human migration patterns using push and pull factors as a tool (ILO1, ILO2, ILO4, ILO5)

### **Course Objectives**

- Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:
1. Demonstrate an understanding of the Five Themes of Geography and be able to apply them to class projects.
  2. Identify and explain the beginnings of mankind, how they interact with their environment and how and where agricultural activities began and spread.
  3. Explain push and pull factors and how they influence the decision to migrate as well as different types and patterns of migration.
  4. Identify population growth patterns based on demographic transition models and population pyramids.
  5. Discuss world language families including their origins and dispersal and major religious entities around the world including their impact on society.
  6. Identify different cultural and ethnic groups including folk and popular patterns, the ethnic landscape, and ethnic diversity.
  7. Explain and identify economic levels of geographic development including the distribution and impact of the changing primary, secondary, and tertiary production cycles as seen on the cultural landscape.
  8. Demonstrate a knowledge of urban systems and structures, political ordering of space, and how human actions have impacted the natural landscape.

### **Textbooks & Other Resources or Links**

1. Malinowski, J. C. and Kaplan D. H. (2013) Human Geography (Connect Access Card optional) (1st/e) New York, McGraw-Hill. ISBN 978-0-07-312294-6

### **Course Requirements and Instructional Methods**

In this course, we will utilize several methods of instruction, including lectures, the textbook, which students will access through Canvas.

Lectures: Powerpoint slides of lecture are available and are required reading for each module.

Textbook: All assigned readings from this course come from the required text, see above section.

Learning activities and quizzes in each module are based on assigned readings.

Multi-Media Presentations: Videos and films will appear from time to time throughout the course. Publically available video content ("Youtube" videos for example) as additional content in each module.

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

### **Course Grading Based on Course Objectives**

Midterm Exam: 75 points.

Final Exam: 75 points.

Quizzes: 10 quizzes worth 10 points each – 100 points.

Learning Activities: 2 activities worth 50 points each – 100 points.

Collaborative Research Project – 50 points

Students' Final Grades are based on 500 total points, figured by the following breakdown:

360-400 points – A

320-359 points – B

280-319 points – C

240-279 points – D

239 points for fewer – F

Late Assignments Policy: Any assignment in this course may be submitted after its due date, up until 11:59 pm on the last day of the course for up to 80% credit.

### Attendance

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

### Classroom Etiquette

- Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by the instructor.
- Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed by the instructor.

- **Disruptive Students:** Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the [General Catalog](#).
- **Children in the classroom:** Due to college rules and state laws, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children.

### Online Netiquette

- **What is netiquette?** Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.
- Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!!)].

### Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- **Plagiarism** is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to "cite a source" correctly, you must ask for help.
- **Cheating** is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

### Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- **CANVAS LMS.** Canvas is Imperial Valley College's main Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.
- **[Learning Services](#).** There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).
- **[Library Services](#).** There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the [Study Skills Center](#), study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

### Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the [Disabled Student Programs and Services](#) (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

### Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- **[Student Health Center](#).** A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information.
- **[Mental Health Counseling Services](#).** Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 or in the building 1536 for appointments or more information.

### Veteran's Center

The mission of the [IVC Military and Veteran Success Center](#) is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

## Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) offers services such as priority registration, personal/academic counseling, tutoring, book vouchers, and community referrals to qualifying low-income students. EOPS is composed of a group of professionals ready to assist you with the resolution of both academic and personal issues. Our staff is set up to understand the problems of our culturally diverse population and strives to meet student needs that are as diverse as our student population.

Also under the umbrella of EOPS our CARE (Cooperative Agency Resources for Education) Program for single parents is specifically designed to provide support services and assist with the resolution of issues that are particular to this population. Students that are single parents receiving TANF/Cash Aid assistance may qualify for our CARE program, for additional information on CARE please contact Lourdes Mercado, 760-355- 6448, [lourdes.mercado@imperial.edu](mailto:lourdes.mercado@imperial.edu).

EOPS provides additional support and services that may identify with one of the following experiences:

- Current and former foster youth students that were in the foster care system at any point in their lives
- Students experiencing homelessness
- Formerly incarcerated students

To apply for EOPS and for additional information on EOPS services, please contact Alexis Ayala, 760-355-5713, [alexis.ayala@imperial.edu](mailto:alexis.ayala@imperial.edu).

## Student Equity Program

- The Student Equity Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College's success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. Student Equity addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The Student Equity Program provides direct supportive services to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students' access to education, degree and certificate completion, successful completion of developmental math and English courses, and the ability to transfer to a university. Contact: 760.355.5736 or 760.355.5733 Building 100.
- The Student Equity Program also houses IVC's Homeless Liaison, who provides direct services, campus, and community referrals to students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact: 760.355.5736 Building 100.

## Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

## Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous [Information Literacy Tutorials](#) to assist students in this endeavor.

## Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 1: February 18 -21	<b>Syllabus &amp; Introduction</b>	<b>Acquire course materials, become familiar with Canvas.</b>
Week 2: February 22 -28	<b>Introduction and Basic Concepts</b>	<b>Read Chapters 1 and 2</b> <b>Quiz 1 due February 28</b>
Week 3: February 29 - March 6	<b>Population and Health</b>	<b>Read Chapters 3 and 4</b> <b>Quiz 2 due March 6</b>
Week 4: March 7 – March 13	<b>Migration and Movement</b>	<b>Read Chapter 5</b> <b>Quiz 3 due March 13</b>
Week 5: March 14-20	<b>Folk and Popular Culture</b>	<b>Read Chapter 6</b> <b>Quiz 4 due March 20</b>
Week 5: March 21– 27	<b>World Languages</b>	<b>Read Chapter 7</b> <b>Quiz 5; Learning Activity 1 due March 27</b>
Week 6: March 28 – April 3	<b>World Religions</b>	<b>Read Chapter 8</b> <b>Quiz 6 due April 3</b>

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 7: April 4 – 10	<b>Mid-Term Exam</b>	<b>Mid-Term Exam: Wednesday April 8</b>
Week 8: April 11 - 17	<b>Spring Break</b>	
Week 9: April 18 – April 24	<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Read Chapter 9</b> <b>Quiz 7 due April 24</b>
Week 10: April 25 – May 1	<b>Political Geography</b>	<b>Read Chapter 10</b> <b>Quiz 8 due May 1</b>
Week 11: May 2 – May 8	<b>Food And Agriculture</b>	<b>Read Chapter 11</b> <b>Quiz 9 due May 8</b>
Week 12: May 9 - 15	<b>Economic Geography</b>	<b>Read Chapters 15 and 16</b> <b>Quiz 10; Learning Activity 2 due May 15</b>
Week 13: May 16 - 22	<b>Urban Geography</b>	<b>Read Chapters 13 and 14</b> Begin Collaborative Project
Week 14: May 23 – May 29	<b>Development</b>	<b>Read Chapter 18</b>
Week 15: May 30 – June 5		Collaborative Project
Week 16: June 6 – 12	<b>Final Exam</b>	<b>Final Exam: June 10</b>  <b>Any outstanding work must be submitted by 11:59 pm on June 12 to be counted.</b>

\*\*\*Tentative, subject to change without prior notice\*\*\*