

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Winter 2021	Instructor Name:	Robert M. Herbert
Course Title & #:	Geography 108	Email:	robert.herbert@imperial.edu
CRN #:	15132	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	Online (Canvas)	Office #:	809
Class Dates:	1/4/21- 2/4/21	Office Hours:	By email
Class Days:	All Days	Office Phone #:	
Class Times:	N/A	Emergency Contact:	760-7917218
Units:	3		

Course Description

World Regional Geography is a survey course which introduces students to the physical and cultural geographic aspects of the world realms. Geography's interdisciplinary approach is used to analyze regions and illustrate their interdependence. (CSU, UC)

Student Learning Outcomes

- Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to: 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. Analyze the global economy in terms of regional production patterns (ILO2, ILO4, ILO5).

Course Objectives

MEASURABLE COURSE OBJECTIVES AND MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR GRADE OF "C":

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Relate the 5 Themes of Geography to the World's regions.
2. Analyze the cultural and physical factors which divide the World into regions.
3. Compare worldwide geographic patterns using an atlas' thematic maps.
4. Appraise the impact and implications of regional problems on world political and economic orders.
5. Discuss globalization and sustainability by viewing the world's changing economic patterns.
6. Explain regional environment concerns, as they relate to the course's topics.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

World Regional Geography, Caitlin Finlayson 20161 SBN:1077115032—Textbook is available free of charge as an open educational resource (OER) You don't need to purchase any materials to complete this course.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Lectures: usually in the form of power point presentations every week Multi-Media Presentations: Videos Publically available video content (You tube videos for example) may also be assigned for viewing in lectures, or outside of class. You tube videos will be listed in your announcements, however they are not mandatory but they will help you to better understand each chapter. You Tube videos have closed caption on each video. Just click where it says subtitles in English.

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

Students are expected to actively watch the power points every week online (Canvas). Grades will be based on quizzes, tests and a final examination. Quizzes and tests will be multiple choice. No makeup quizzes or exams will be given unless you have made arrangements with me in advance.

Tests and quizzes = 80% of grade

Outside assignments = 20% of grade

90%=A, 80%=B, 70%=C, 60%=D, 0-59%=F

Attendance

Geography 108 is scheduled to be online. You may be dropped from the class if you don't submit the quizzes and tests on or before the due date. Remember! submitting your work on time is very important. Students are responsible for officially withdrawing from class. You must submit the first quiz by 8/28/20, if you don't you will be dropped.

- It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details.
- Regular participation online in classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused participation on activities and tests without teachers approval may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities may be dropped.

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.

- **[Blackboard Support Site](#)**. The Blackboard Support Site provides a variety of support channels available to students 24 hours per day.
- **[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 therapy are provided to currently enrolled students. Contact the IVC [Mental Health Counseling Services](#) at 760-355-6196 in Room 2109 for more information.

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

Course Schedule:

Test Date

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
1/4/21- 1/11/21	Chapters 1 Syllabus & Introduction to the 12 World Regions, Chapter 2 Europe, Chapter 3 Russia	Pages 3-63 1/11/21
1/12/21- 1/19/21	Chapter 4 North America, Chapters 5 Middle & South America	Pages 66-106 1/19/21
1/19/21- 1/26/21	Chapters 6 Sub-Saharan Africa, Chapter 7 North Africa & Southwest Asia	Pages 109-145 1/26/21
1/26/21- 2/4/21	Chapter 8 South Asia, Chapter 9 East & Southeast Asia, Chapter 10 Oceania	Pages 148-204 2/4/21

--	--	--