



Basic Course Information

Semester:	Fall 2023	Instructor Name:	Curtis Blondell
Course Title & #:	Geography 108: World Regional Geography	Email:	Curtis.blondell@imperial.edu
CRN #:	10462	Webpage (optional):	N/A
Classroom:	Online	Office #:	Email only
Class Dates:	August 14 – December 8	Office Hours:	Email responses w/in 48 hrs.
Class Days:	Everyday, 24hrs online	Office Phone #:	N/A
Class Times:	24hrs daily	Emergency Contact:	Elvia M. Camillo Staff Secretary, Behavioral & Social Science Department Imperial Valley College 380E. Aten Rd. Imperial, CA 92251(760) 355-6144
Units:	3	Class Format/Modality:	Asynchronous-Online Only

Course Description

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

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

GEOG 108 has no prerequisites, nor corequisites.

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. Analyze the global economy in terms of regional production patterns (ILO2, ILO4, ILO5).

Course Objectives

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.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

1. World Regional Geography, Caitlin Finlayson, 2016ISBN: 1077115032.
2. This is an OER textbook, students can download it in .pdf form, directly from the course Canvas shell.



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Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

In this course, we will utilize several methods of instruction, including lectures, the textbook, multimedia presentations, and current events research and discussion.

Lectures: Typical class meetings will consist of lectures, usually in the form of power point presentations. Students must attend/view all lectures having completed assigned reading material on the given lecture topic. Students should take notes on the lectures. Template slides for organized note-taking are available on the course Canvas page.

Textbook: All assigned readings from this course come from the required text.

Multi-Media Presentations: Videos and films will appear from time to time throughout the course. Publicly available video content ("YouTube" videos for example) may also be assigned for viewing in lectures, or outside of class.

Current Events Research and Discussion: Each student must select one news article, or several news articles covering one event, that he or she finds relevant to one of the topics covered during the course of this semester. Instructions for completing current event assignments can be found on Canvas.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Midterm Exam: 75 points.

Final Exam: 75 points.

Quizzes: 11 quizzes worth 10 points each – 110 points.

Current Event Reports: 4 reports worth 20 points each – 80 points

Discussion Forums: 11 discussion boards worth 10 points each – 110 points.

Student's Final Grades are based on 450 total points, figured by the following breakdown:

400-450 points – A

350- 399 points – B

300 – 349 points – C

250 – 299 points – D

249 points or fewer – F

Academic Honesty (Artificial Intelligence -AI)

IVC values critical thinking and communication skills and considers academic integrity essential to learning. Using AI tools as a replacement for your own thinking, writing, or quantitative reasoning goes against both our mission and academic honesty policy and will be considered academic dishonesty, or plagiarism unless you have been instructed to do so by your instructor. In case of any uncertainty regarding the ethical use of AI tools, students are encouraged to reach out to their instructors for clarification.

Course Policies

Contacting your instructor:

Always send me email from your IVC email account, or via Canvas Inbox. Private emails may get lost in the IVC spam filter. The best email is: Curtis.blondell@imperial.edu.



ALWAYS make sure Subject Line Includes: Your Name, along with the name of this class. It is very important to let me know who you are and that you are taking this class, so I know the context of your email.

I make an effort to respond to emails ASAP, typically within hours. Do NOT expect an immediate response. If 48 hours pass and you do not get a response, send me another email.

Online Drop Policy:

As you may expect, attendance in an online class is a little bit different than in a live section. However, this class observes all of the IVC attendance policies related to enrollment and financial aid. Please see the IVC General Catalog if you need to review the following policies.

First Day Drops:

Because we do not have a firm meeting schedule in online classes, I consider you having attended the first day of class by accessing the Canvas site within 3 days of the first day of the term. If you do not access the site, or contact me by this time, then unfortunately you might be dropped from the course.

Late Work Policy:

Per the course syllabus, a student's grade is derived from points earned via the following assessments: Exams, Assignments, Reading Quizzes, and Discussion Posts. While I will do my best to send due-date reminders via email, it is ultimately each student's responsibility to complete his or her work on time. Please refer to the following policies regarding late work:

Exams:

Exams (midterm and final) MUST be taken within their respective availability timeframes to receive credit. Please review the syllabus course road map (last page) for these times. Note the requirements are subject to change at the instructor's discretion during the course.

Assignments and Reading Quizzes:

All assignments and reading quizzes may be completed up until the last day of class to be counted for points in the course. Late deductions will be assessed.

Discussion Forum Posts:

Activity on the course's discussion forums must be completed by the end of the semester to be considered for credit. Late deductions will be assessed.

Other Course Information

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Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Note that this syllabus is subject to modification during the course.

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 1 August 14 – August 19	Module 0: Syllabus & Introduction	➤ Acquire course materials (download free textbook). ➤ Become familiar with Canvas and the course. ➤ Introduce yourself in Canvas by August 17 (required).
Week 2 August 21 – August 26	Module 1: Introduction to Basic Geographic Concepts	➤ Read Preface & Introduction. Module 1 Discussion and Quiz due August 26 at 11:59 p.m.
Week 3 August 28 – September 2	Module 2: Europe	➤ Read Chapter 2 Module 2 Discussion and Quiz due September 2 at 11:59 p.m.
Week 4 September 5 – September 9	Module 3: Russia and the former Soviet Union	➤ Read Chapter 3 Module 3 Discussion and Quiz due September 9 at 11:59 p.m.
Week 5 September 11 – September 16	Module 4: North America	➤ Read Chapter 4 Module 4 Discussion and Quiz due September 16 at 11:59 p.m. ➤ <i>Current Event Report 1 due September 18</i>
Week 6 September 18 – September 23	Module 5: Mexico, Central & South America	➤ Read Chapter 5 Module 5 Discussion and Quiz due September 23 at 11:59 p.m.
Week 7 September 25 – September 30	Module 6: Sub-Saharan Africa	➤ Read Chapter 6 Module 6 Discussion and Quiz due September 30 at 11:59 p.m. ➤ <i>Current Event Report 2 due October 2</i>
Week 8 October 2 – October 7	Module 7: North Africa and Southwest Asia	➤ Read Chapter 9 Module 6 Discussion, Quiz due October 8 at 11:59 p.m.



Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 9 October 9 – October 14	Midterm Review	➤ <i>Current Event Report 3 due October 23</i>
Week 10 October 16 – October 21	MIDTERM EXAM	Midterm exam due October 21 at 11:59 p.m. <i>(Current Event Report 3 due October 23)</i>
Week 11 October 23 – October 28	Module 8: South Asia	➤ Read Chapter 8 Module 8 Discussion and Quiz due October 29 at 11:59 p.m.
Week 12 October 30 – November 4	Module 9: East Asia	➤ Read Chapter 9 Module 9 Discussion and Quiz due November 4 at 11:59 p.m.
Week 13 November 6 – November 11	Module 10: Southeast Asia	➤ Read Chapter 18 Module 10 Discussion and Quiz due November 12 at 11:59 p.m.
Week 15 November 13 – November 18	Module 11: Oceania	➤ Read Chapter 19 Module 11 Discussion and Quiz due November 19 at 11:59 p.m.
November 20 – November 25	HOLIDAY BREAK !!!	Enjoy!!
Week 16 November 27 – December 2	Review for Final	➤ Review for Final ➤ <i>Current Event Report 4 due December 2</i>
FINAL WEEK December 4 – December 8	FINAL EXAM	Final Exam due December 8 at 3:00 p.m. All course work due at 3:00 p.m.

*****Subject to change without prior notice*****