

San José State University

**DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING Geography 12, Global
Geography**

Fall 2023

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Office Hours: F: 12-1pm via zoom and by appointment

Class Days/Time: Asynchronous

Classroom Location: Via Canvas

GE/SJSU Studies Category: D2

Course Format:

This Course is a hybrid course which meets in person on Mondays at 10:45am and also online via canvas consists of lectures and related activities.

Faculty Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging:

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, and grades can be found on Canvas

Course Description: Comparative geography of our world: regions and countries, natural environments and resources, settlements and land use, cultural diversity, economic and political patterns.

Course Goals:

Global geography is an introduction to the major distinctive world regions to more fully understand natural environments, culture, resources, agriculture, manufacturing, trade, cities, and contemporary societal challenges. In addition, this course provides a greater understanding of the increasing interdependencies among and between regions within a rapidly globalization system.

Upon successful completion of this course, students shall be able to identify and analyze the social dimension of society as a context for human life, the processes of social change and social continuity, the role of human agency in those social processes, and forces that engender social cohesion and fragmentation.

GE Learning Outcomes (GELO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

GELO 1: Place contemporary developments in cultural, historical, environmental, and spatial contexts; Students will demonstrate achievement through assigned readings, in-class discussions, mapping exercises, essays, and the term research project.

GELO 2: Identify the dynamics of ethnic, cultural, gender/sexual, age-based, class, regional, national, transnational, and global identities and the similarities, differences, linkages, and interactions between them; S tudents will demonstrate achievement through assigned readings, in-class discussions, mapping exercises, essays, and the term research project.

GELO 3: Evaluate social science information, draw on different points of view, and formulate applications appropriate to contemporary social issues; S tudents will demonstrate achievement through assigned readings, in-class discussions, mapping exercises, essays, and the term research project.

GELO 4: Compare and contrast two or more ethnic groups, cultures, regions, nations, or social systems; S tudents will demonstrate achievement through assigned readings, in-class discussions, mapping exercises, essays, and the term research project.

Course Content Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

CLO1: describe the physical characteristics of the world by use of regional approach.

CLO2: describe the cultural characteristics of the world by use of a regional approach.

CLO3: differentiate the economic, social, and other cultural characteristics that occurs across the world

CLO4: discuss current events as they pertain to the Global Geography

Required Texts/Readings Textbook (e-book via Canvas)

Title: *World Regional Geography: Global Patterns, Local Lives*

Author: Lydia Mihelic Pulsipher and Alex Pulsipher

ISBN-13: 978-1-319-04804-4

Edition: 8th Edition

Other technology requirements

Access to a computer and reliable Internet source as well as a word processing program (such as MS Word) are required.

Class Protocol

- All assignments are due as stated on the course schedule and late work will be penalized 5% everyday it is late.
- I will be presenting material in lectures that may not be available in the textbook for which you are responsible for. You are responsible for finding out what you missed. Please refer to the course canvas page for materials and/or handouts covered during that weeks module.

Course Requirements and Assignments

We will be covering 11 Chapters in the assigned text, and you will be expected to read and understand the materials. Please remember that there is a 5% penalty per day for assignments (including quizzes) that are submitted after the deadline:

1. **Weekly Discussion Write-Ups** : (20 % of total grade) At the end of every chapter we cover, you will be responsible for responding to a prompt which I will post in the discussions tab in Canvas. Your response must address the prompt in no less than 5 sentences. You will also be responsible for responding to 2 of your classmate's prompts as well.
2. **Current Global Event Research Paper** :(25% of total grade) The research paper will consist of a minimum of 1500 words and is required for this course. It is a written document with a required map, and references to be submitted via Canvas. Detailed instructions and guidelines will be posted in the Canvas online classroom.
3. **Weekly Quiz**: (25% of total grade): At the end of every chapter you will be responsible for taking a 10 question quiz on the content pertaining to that particular chapter and region.

4. **Final:** (30% of total grade) For your final you will be responsible for creating a travel guide to any of the countries we study over the course of the semester. You will all be responsible for creating some sort of media component to the project in which you tell us about the country, about their rich history, their economic system, their political system, and their main GDP. You must also include a reference page and a map.

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on. More details about student workload can be found in University Policy S12-3 at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf>.

Current Global Events Research Paper : There are two components to the current global events research paper. The first being a paper proposal due on **via Canvas**, which will consist of a one page (MLA) write up on a topic you want to cover and three academic references. The final paper will be due **thru Canvas. It must be approximately 4-5 pages and include a separate Bibliography at the end of the paper.**

Topics may include: Any current event that has happened in the past year which may include the border crisis, Chile declining to sign a U.N. pact because they believe migration is not a human right, the rise of Brazil as a regional economic power, growing high tech economy in India, etc....If you need help finding or narrowing down a topic come see me. Keep in mind that this assignment is for a global geography course meaning place and space play a significant role. All sources must be academic, and articles should be peer reviewed.

GRADING POLICY

***Please remember that this course must be passed with a C or better as a CSU graduation requirement.**

Grade Scale

Percent	Letter Grade	Percent	Letter Grade
90-100	A	70-79	C
80-89	B	60-69	D
<60	F		

Determination of Grades

- Extra credit options, if available will provided during class.
- 5% Penalty for late or missed work every day that it is late.

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9 (<http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf>), relevant information to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. is available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' Syllabus Information web page at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>

GEOG 012/ Global Geography, Fall 2023, Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	8/21	Introductions, Course Syllabus Ch1 Topic: Geography & Geographic Concepts *Check-In Assignment up due on 8/27 by 11:59 pm *Weekly Write up due on 8/27 by 11:59 pm
2	8/28	Ch 1 Topic: Survey of Environments & Regions Globally *Weekly Write up due on 9/3 by 11:59 pm *Chapter 1 quiz due on 9/3 by 11:59 pm
3	9/4	Ch 2: North America Geographic Features *Weekly Write up due on 9/10 by 11:59 pm *Chapter 2 quiz due on 9/10 by 11:59 pm
4	9/11	Ch 3: Middle & South America Geographic Features *Weekly write-up due on 9/17 by 11:59 pm *Chapter 3 Quiz due on 9/17 by 11:59 pm
5	9/18	Ch 4: Europe Geographic Features *Weekly write up due on 9/24 by 11:59 pm *Chapter 4 Quiz due on 9/24 by 11:59 pm

