

World Geography

This course will help enable students to understand both Human and Physical Geography. Students will develop an appreciation of cultural, political, geographic, economic and religious diversity. It will help students begin to think in global terms, rather than simply local terms. Students will better understand world events and how they are influenced by geography.

What you will need:

- 1) A notebook to be used for this class only.**
- 2) Pencil or blue or black ink pen for tests and in-class work. NO colored ink will be accepted for tests or assignments.**
- 3) The course textbook brought to class everyday.**

Grading Policy:

Grades will be based on total points (in a weighted grading system) earned during a given grading period.

Grading Scale: A=94-100%, A- = 90-93%, B+ =87-89%, B=84-86%, B- =80-83%, C+ =77-79%, C=74-76%, C- =70-73%, D+ =67-69%, D =64-66%, D- =60-63%, F=0-59%

Tests are 60% of your grade; daily work is worth 40%

What I expect from you:

- 1) I expect you to take well-written notes on all lectures and films.**
- 2) Be ready to start class with all materials (textbook, notebook, pens, etc.) when the bell rings.**
- 3) Assignments are to be handed in on time!**
- 4) No cheating. If I catch you doing it, not only will you fail the assignment or test, but you'll also face disciplinary action.**
- 5) I expect your full respect.**
- 6) Attend to personal needs before coming to class. Do not ask for passes during class unless you have a real emergency.**
- 7) Remain in your assigned seat unless you have permission to get up. Throw scraps away at the end of the period on your way out and do NOT sharpen pencils while I am speaking to the whole class.**

Missed Classes:

- 1) If you miss class for any reason it is your responsibility to make up all missed work and tests.**
- 2) If you missed a lecture it is your responsibility to get the notes from other students in the course.**
- 3) If you miss a test day and have not missed any new material, the test will be administered the beginning of class time when you return to class (a review day does not count as new material.)**

Late Work:

- 1) If an assignment is 1 day late, it will be docked 25%.
- 2) If an assignment is 2 days late, it will be docked 50%.
- 3) If an assignment is 3 days late, it will be docked 75%.
- 4) If an assignment is 4 or more days late, you will receive 1 point for it.

Test retakes:

- 1) Retakes for some (not all) tests are available in this course.
- 2) A retake is a privilege being offered to you; as such it is your responsibility to get my permission for the retake and to set up a time for the retake.
- 3) The score of the retaken test will be reduced by 10%.

How to pass the class easily:

- 1) Be in class and take detailed notes on lectures and films.
- 2) Make flash cards from the course material and study them regularly.
- 3) Complete and hand in assignments on time!
- 4) Ask plenty of relevant questions.
- 5) Take advantage of test retakes.