

## PLEASE READ!!!!!!!!!!

Are you ready for this class?

### Geography 2

### World Regional Geography

⇒ This is a transferable class so it is the same material as if it were being taught at U.C. Davis or Fresno State, can you treat it as such?

⇒ Do you have or will you soon obtain the books and materials for this class?

⇒ Can you read and write at an English A and English 41 completion level?

⇒ Do you have a minimum of 3-6 hours a week to spend outside of this class on the readings and review of class material?

⇒ Will you treat audio visual material the same as lecture material?

⇒ Can you come to class, come on time, pay attention and stay for the entire class the majority of the time?

⇒ Are you willing to talk to or leave messages for the instructor if you are having difficulties or are absent?

⇒ Will you read the book thoroughly?

⇒ Will you study for exams and quizzes?

⇒ Will you be courteous to other students by not talking or making noise at inappropriate times?

If you have answered "No" to any of the preceding questions, you may not be ready for this class and should consider taking a different class.

If you answered "Yes" to all of the questions, let's go and learn geography!

**MERCED COLLEGE  
GEOGRAPHY- 02  
WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY  
Fall 2009**

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9-10 am

Monday: 11:50-12:50

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**INSTRUCTOR WEBSITE:** <http://www.mccd.edu/faculty/morimotod>

**COURSE PURPOSE:** This course will provide the student of World Geography a survey of the geography of the world's region. This course will investigate overpopulation, economic development, cultures, political environments and food production on a global basis. The course will enable the student to better understand contemporary world problems and potentials. Current world events are also discussed.

**EXPECTED STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:** Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to:

Locate the cultural regions of the world.

Prepare maps of the nations and major cities of the world

Compare and contrast world population problems and solution theories.

Analyze statistical data to identify the economic level of development of a country.

Analyze world conditions and events to understand geographic factors and their implications

**REQUIRED TEXT AND EQUIPMENT:**

- Hobbs, Fundamentals of World Regional Geography 2nd edition

-Goodes, World Atlas **or ANY** current world atlas or programs with latitude and longitude lines printed on maps and listed in the index. (Atlas will only be used in class the first 2-3 weeks of class.)

-Optional: Hobbs, Fundamentals of World Regional Geography Study Guide

-Optional (**Strongly recommended**):Kapit, Geography Coloring Book.

-Optional: Maps available in the bookstore. (See Map Quiz List)

- Clicker type pencils or personal sharpeners (the pencil sharpener in the classroom is not reliable).
- Scantrons for tests and quizzes. (form # 882-E) (You will need 10)

**ATTENDANCE:** Attendance will be taken. It will be to your benefit to attend all classes in that a large amount of material will be covered. The course also builds as the semester continues. Therefore, if at the start of the course, you missed a concept, you may limit your ability to understand future related topics.

A portion of your grade will be based on class participation. Please make every effort to be on time as important information may be given to the class even before roll is taken. If you come in after your name is called on the roll, you will be considered absent. After 3 times coming in late and/or 3 absences, you will lose 2 participation points for each offense. If you come in late, come in quietly.

**If you miss 2 consecutive days during the first 3 weeks of classes, and do not contact the instructor, you may be dropped to make room for those who want to add.**

\*\*\*\*\*If you miss a week or more of classes at anytime you **MAY** be dropped. Don't count on the instructor to drop you. It is **YOUR responsibility** to drop if you want to drop the class.\*\*\*\*\*

#### **EVALUATION AND GRADING:**

There will be five exams of equal weight. Exams are not comprehensive, but inclusive of the material covered since the previous exam. The lowest exam **AND** lowest map quiz score will be dropped or a "*missed*" test **AND** map quiz will be dropped.

**All exams** have 35 multiple-choice questions (1 pt each) and 25 true-false questions (2 pts each) and a current event assignment.

**Instructor Study guides** for the multiple-choice section of the exams are available in the library and online. It is up to you to get these study guides.

**All exams** have a 15 point current event requirement (see attached or online) due at the time of the exam. Late assignments will not be accepted.

**All map quizzes** will have 25 multiple-choice questions. Places are from the attached lists. They are also available online. You are on your own to study for these quizzes. The coloring book, atlas, maps available in the bookstore and computers can be very helpful. For most people, it takes time to study for these quizzes. It is suggested that you study in "sections" not the entire list every study session.

**Make-up exams** and in-class activities are **NOT allowed**. You may take exams and map quizzes early.

*Five exams (scantrons needed) <i>(Your lowest or missed exam will be dropped)</i>	100 points each	400 points
*Five map quizzes (scantron needed) <i>(Your lowest or missed quiz will be dropped)</i>	25 points each	100 points
*In-class projects, activities, and participation.		75 points
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS ....		575
<b>*NOTE: You are expected to put a minimum of 3-6 hours a week into the readings and class material outside of the class.</b>		

**Grades will be based on total points.** Total points used for grading will be based on how well the top students do in the class. Even if someone were to earn every point, you are guaranteed: A= 90%, B=80%, C=70% and D=58%.

**ONLY points will be recorded-** not letter grades. It is **YOUR responsibility** to keep track of the grade for each exam. This will give you a fairly accurate account of where you stand in terms of a final grade.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

- Multiple-choice questions on the exam are “word for word” from the textbook.
- True-false questions are from anything said or done in class.
- Answers for the true-false questions on the exam **MUST** be written as complete sentences. If the sentences are incomplete, the answers will be considered incorrect.
- College level writing will be required on all material.
- Dates for exams and quizzes are on the syllabus – **COME PREPARED TO CLASS!**
- You are expected to arrive on time and stay for the ENTIRE class.
- You are expected to read your syllabus frequently and keep up with the readings so that you are prepared for classes.

-You are expected to inform the instructor if you will not be in class or if you come in late to class.

-Remember, you may take exams and quizzes early. "Make ups" after the class has taken the exam or quiz are not allowed.

### **STUDY HINTS**

Keep up with the readings as we go along.

Keep up with reviewing your lecture notes. Don't wait until the night before the exam.

Limit the amount you read at one time.

Don't highlight or underline the first time you read through the material.

After you have read the information once, use the instructor study guide for the multiple choice section of the exam. (These are available on reserve in the library and online) This will focus your reading.

Highlight the items from the instructor study guide. (Not the definitions from the back of the book)

You may tape lectures

Try to "teach" the information to someone else (kids are great for this)

**PLAGIARISM/CHEATING:** Plagiarism or cheating of any kind will not be tolerated.

Any student guilty of plagiarism or cheating will be failed. Additional action may be taken by the college administration.

Cell phones must be off during exams and quizzes. If you use your phone in any matter during an exam or quiz, you will be failed on that exam or quiz.

<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Chapter and Info</u></b>	<b><u>Topics</u></b>
Aug. 17-21	Chapter 1	Objectives
Aug 24-28	Chapter 2	Physical Processes
<b>Aug 27-28</b>	<b>MAP QUIZ # 1 Thurs.-Fri.</b>	<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>
Aug 31- Sept. 4	Chapter 3	Human Processes
<b>Sept. 7</b>	<b>Holiday - Labor Day - No classes (Monday)</b>	
<b>Sept. 8-9</b>	<b>EXAM #1 Tues.-Wed.</b>	<b>CHAPTER 1, 2, 3</b>
Sept. 10-11	Chapter 7	Monsoon Asia
Sept 14-18	Chapter 7	Monsoon Asia

<b>Sept. 16-17</b>	<b>MAP QUIZ #2 Wed-Thurs</b>	<b>ASIA &amp; OCEANIA</b>
Sept. 21-25	Chapter 8	Oceania
Sept. 28-30	Chapter 8	Oceania
<b>Oct. 1-2</b>	<b>Exam #2 Thurs-Fri</b>	<b>Chapter 7&amp;8</b>
Oct 5-9	Chapter 6	Middle East & North Africa
Oct. 12-16	Chapter 6 & 9	Sub-Saharan Africa
<b>Oct. 14-15</b>	<b>MAP QUIZ #3 Wed.- Thurs.</b>	<b>MIDDLE EAST &amp; AFRICA</b>
Oct. 19-23	Chapter 9	Sub-Saharan Africa
<b>Oct. 26-27</b>	<b>EXAM #3 Mon-Tues.</b>	<b>CHAPTERS 6 &amp; 9</b>
Oct. 28-30 & Nov 1-6	Chapter 4	Europe
<b>Nov. 9-10</b>	<b>MAP QUIZ #4 Mon.-Tues.</b>	<b>EUROPE &amp; RUSSIA</b>
<b>Nov. 11</b>	<b>Holiday - Veterans Day- Wed.</b>	<b>No classes</b>
Nov. 9-13	Chapter 4	Europe
Nov16-23	Chapter 5	Russia and the Near Abroad
<b>Nov. 23-24</b>	<b>EXAM #4 Mon-Tues</b>	<b>CHAPTERS 4&amp;5</b>
<b>Nov. 26-27</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Break - No Classes</b>	
Nov 25, 30 & Dec. 1-4	Chapter 10	Latin America
<b>Nov. 30 &amp; Dec. 1</b>	<b>MAP QUIZ #5 Mon.-Tues.</b>	<b>MEXICO, CARIBBEAN &amp; SOUTH AMERICA</b>
<b>Dec. 2-3</b>	<b>Grade Check Day Wed. - Thurs.</b>	
Dec. 7-10	Chapter 11	North America
<b>Dec. 11-17</b>	<b>FINALS</b>	<b>CHAPTERS 10-11</b>

