

## GEOG 100 - WORLD GEOGRAPHY

3 Credits; No prerequisites required

1. **Course Description** - Introduction to the complex spatial relationships that explain patterns of human behavior and link humans with their physical, cultural and spatial environments. \* *This course provides content necessary to enable secondary licensure students to address the K-12 Colorado Model Content Standards in Geography.*
2. **Course Objectives** - Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:
  - a. Demonstrate basic geographic literacy with regard to the major regions, countries, and human and physical features of the world.
  - b. Demonstrate an understanding of geographic concepts and processes as they apply to the major regions, countries, and cities of the world.
  - c. Demonstrate the ability to apply geographic expertise to contemporary regional problems.
  - d. Demonstrate the ability to ask geographic questions.
  - e. Demonstrate the ability to apply the appropriate methods, tools, and research skills to analyze and solve geographic questions.
  - f. Demonstrate the ability to explain major contemporary similarities and differences among regions around the world.
  - g. Demonstrate an understanding of introductory principle theories and models used by geographers.
  - h. Demonstrate how economic, environmental, political, cultural, and social processes shape patterns of human occupancy by assessing current events.
3. **Course Requirements** - Attendance, examinations (objective and subjective), quizzes, term papers, oral presentations, research projects, and participation (e.g. panels, small group activities, etc.).
4. **Method of Evaluation** - Letter Grade A-F.
5. **Outline of Course Content**
  - I. Introduction to the Course  
Class policies, requirements, and expectations
  - II. Introduction to Geography  
Fundamental Concepts, Models, and Applications  
The Regional Approach
  - III. Survey of Major Regions
    - A. Europe
    - B. The Russian Federation, Central Asia, and the Transcaucasus
    - C. Southwest Asia (The Middle East) and North Africa
    - D. Sub-Saharan Africa
    - E. Latin America and the Caribbean
    - F. East Asia
    - G. Southeast Asia
    - H. South Asia
    - I. Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific
6. **Required Text**

Pulsipher, L.M., and A. Pulsipher, *World Regional Geography: Global Patterns, Local Lives*, Second Edition, W.H. Freeman and Company, 2002.

Espenshade, E.B., Jr. (ed.), *Goode's World Atlas*, Twentieth Edition, Rand McNally, 2000.

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