

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: Geo 220

Credits Hours: 3

Course Title: World Regional Geography

Course Description: Studies physical and cultural characteristics of selected geographical regions of the world. Focuses upon significant problems within each of the regions, and examines the geographical background of those problems. Introduces the student to types and uses of maps.

Prerequisites: English placement recommendation for ENG 111 and satisfactory completion of ENG 4 if required by reading placement test. Prerequisite or co-requisite: ENG 5 or ENG 107 if recommended by reading placement test. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: This course helps to increase the student's international awareness and understanding. It also helps to enlighten students in the differences and similarities in the social, economic, cultural and political developments of the world's different regions.

Course Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of English 01 and 04 if required by writing and reading placement tests. Co-requisite: English 05 and 107 if recommended by reading placement test.

Course Objectives: Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a) Understand the interconnectedness of all people in the world today
- b) Explain the themes and issues in world regional geography
- c) Explain and understand the major world regions of Asia, Africa, the America's, etc.
- d) Understand the physical geography of each of the worlds regions
- e) Explain "population and settlement" geography
- f) Explain the geography of language and religion
- g) Understand the economic and social development of the worlds regions

Major Topics to be Included:

1. Diversity amid globalization
2. The changing global environment
3. North America
4. Latin America
5. The Caribbean
6. Sub-Saharan Africa
7. Southwest Asia and north Africa
8. Europe
9. The Russian domain
10. Central Asia
11. East Asia
12. South Asia
13. Australia and Oceania