

World Geography

Credit – 1/2

Term(s)—1 Semester

Text: World Geography Today. Holt, Rinehart, and Winston (2003)

Prerequisites:

The course is open to all sophomores, juniors and seniors. Also, 2nd semester freshman who have taken Elements of Geography may take the class, but are advised to wait until later years.

Course Description:

World Geography follows a regional study approach to many different areas of the world. Areas that may be studied include North America (not U.S.), Central and South America, Europe, North and sub-Saharan Africa, Southwest Asia and the Middle East, Asia, and Oceania. The course will look to the future based upon the cultural, economic, and political developments of the past and present. The course will also place special emphasis on the inter-relationships between people and their natural environments, as well as how cultures in these regions have been shaped through history. Students will complete individual and group research projects. This course is recommended for the college-bound student.

Course Content:

Includes the possibility of the following regions of the world:

- North America
- Central America and Caribbean
- Middle East and Northern Africa
- Saharan and sub-Saharan Africa
- Eastern Asia and India
- Australia

Course Format:

The course material will be presented using a variety of methods. Students can expect lecture/discussion, small group work/projects, class presentations, library/computer lab research, and current event research. Students will be expected to participate and discuss often in class.

Course Expectations:

It is expected that each student will complete all in-class and homework assignments. Much of the homework will revolve around individual research. Each student will be expected to not only complete their research, but also share that information with the class as a whole. It is also expected that students will regularly involve themselves in class discussions about the topic at hand.

Course Assessment:

The following activities will be used to assess student progress during the course of the semester: homework assignments, webquests, unit tests, unit folder grades, and PEA grades (participation, effort and attitude).