

Elements of Geography

Credit - ½

Term(s) - 1 Semester

Text: *World Geography Today*: Holt Rinehart Winston 2003

Prerequisites:

There are no course prerequisites and is open to all levels, however the course is designed for freshmen.

Course Description:

This course develops a basis for the study of Geography and the uses of basic geographic concepts. This study will include such topics as maps and map reading, physical geography, economic geography, cultural geography, environmental geography, and urban geography. These topics will give the student a survey approach to the study of geography with an emphasis on the United States.

Course Content:

The general study of geography including:

- Basic Elements

Map Reading

- Reading Geography Data Display Tools

Physical Geography including:

- The Earth in Space

Weather and Climate

Landforms, Water and Natural Resources

Cultural Geography including:

- Demography

- Culture

- Languages

- Religions

- Economic Systems

Land Use and Urban Development

- Political Systems

United States including:

- Physical Features

- Climates and Biomes

- Natural Resources

- General Culture

- Regions

Course Format:

The course material is generally presented through lecture, study sheets, text reading and outside reading material, audiovisual technology and individual research.

Course Expectations:

It is expected that each student will complete each in-class and homework assignment. Students are expected to regularly share their knowledge and understanding of the course material with the class. At the end of each semester a research project is to be presented. Students are expected to adequately pass each unit test.

Course Assessments:

The following activities will be assessed with the heaviest emphasis on unit tests: homework completion, daily quizzes, class participation, in-class written activities, semester research project and tests.