

**Geography 1313.060: World Regional Geography
Online Course**

Fall 2022

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Office hours in person or via Zoom MW 11:10 am to 12:30 pm

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Communications: I encourage you to visit office hours or directly after class via zoom. This is a good opportunity for you to look over your exams, ask questions, or seek clarification. If you cannot attend my office hours you may set-up an alternative time. I will respond to your emails within 24 hours on weekdays and 48 hours on weekends. **In your email, include your first and last name and that you are enrolled in Geography 1313.**

Required texts:

1. The World Today: Concepts and Regions in Geography, 8th Edition. Binder or Rent online. I will also allow students to use the 7th edition as well. These books can be purchased on Amazon, Chegg, or through the UT Tyler bookstore. If using the 7th edition read the chapters with the corresponding regions instead of the chapter numbers.

Catalogue description: Analyzes cultural patterns in terms of physical, locational, social and economic processes. World regions are described and compared.

Course objective: The primary objective is for you to describe how the physical and human geography of a region can be unique yet also share many qualities with other regions. Although you will learn the locations of key places and landforms in order to become globally-aware citizens, *this course's objective is not to promote or reward memorization.* The objective is to provide a geographical context for world events, to make spatial connections, and to understand the importance of geographical contexts in our everyday lives.

Course format: This is a full-online course administered through Canvas. You must have reliable internet or visit the campus computer lab in RBN 3022 to complete all assignments. All assignments, quizzes, activities, and exams will be administered online. If you have any technical difficulties accessing the site, contact **Campus Computing** at itsupport@patriots.uttyler.edu or **Canvas Help** (contact through Canvas).

The course consists of six Modules that will cover the online course material. The modules are organized much like chapters organized in a book. I will open and close each module as we progress during the semester. Many of the modules are open for about 2.5 weeks but please pay close attention to each module's individual set of opening and closing dates (**see the schedule attached to the end of this syllabus for exact dates**). If you miss a module's deadline, you will automatically earn a zero (0) for that module.

The video lecture lessons content slides will be supplemented by the required text readings, videos, and assignments. The lecture lessons and readings will not necessarily cover the same ground. Indeed, they are intended to supplement each other rather than to completely overlap. I strongly recommend that you fully complete all module activities by the assigned due date. I encourage you to email me if you have relevant questions and comments. One of the goals for the course is to convey how important and useful the field of geography is in the modern world. Hopefully, some of you might pursue geography as a profession. If not, at least you will gain insight and appreciation into evaluating the physical environment emphasized in this course.

Course Requirements: For Modules 1-6, there will be six exams, one quiz, and six assignments. The Modules will contain the following information:

- Module learning objectives, key words, and a reading list.
- Video Lecture Lessons with a Map Activity.
- An assignment that further examines core concepts from the module material.

Incomplete Grade Policy

If a student, because of extenuating circumstances, is unable to complete course requirements by the end of the semester, then the instructor may recommend an Incomplete (I) for the course. The “I” may be assigned in lieu of a grade only when all of the following conditions are met: (a) the student has been making satisfactory progress in the course; (b) the student is unable to complete all course work or final exam due to unusual circumstances that are beyond personal control and are acceptable to the instructor; and (c) the student presents these reasons prior to the time that the final grade roster is due. The semester credit hours for an Incomplete will not be used to calculate the grade point average for a student.

The student and the instructor must submit an Incomplete Form detailing the work required and the time by which the work must be completed to their respective department chair or college dean for approval. The time limit established must not exceed one year. Should the student fail to complete the work for the course within the time limit, the instructor may assign zeros to the unfinished work, compute the course average for the student, and assign the appropriate grade. If a grade has not been assigned within one year, then the Incomplete will be changed to an F or to NC, if the course was initially taken under the CR/NC grading basis.

Grade Appeal Policy

UT Tyler’s Grade Appeal policy requires the completion of a Grade Appeal form for this action to take place. The grade appeal begins with the instructor of the course. If a student does not agree with the decision of the instructor, the student may then move the appeal to the department chair/school director for that course. If the student is still dissatisfied with the decision of the chair/director, the appeal moves to the Dean of the College offering that course, who has the final decision. Grade appeals must be initiated within sixty (60) days from the date of receiving the final course grade. The Grade Appeal form is found on the [Registrar’s Form Library](#).

Covid Policy

It is important to take the necessary precautions to ensure a healthy and successful year. UT Tyler continues to urge you to protect yourselves against the flu, COVID and any new threats that may be developing. Be diligent about preventive measures such as washing hands, covering sneezes/coughs, social distancing and vaccinations, which have proven to be successful in slowing the spread of viruses. Encourage those who don’t feel well to stay home, and if they show symptoms, ask them to get tested for the flu or COVID. Self-isolation is important to reduce exposure ([CDC quarantine/isolation guidelines](#)). Please work with your faculty members to maintain coursework and please consult [existing campus resources](#) for support.

Disability/Accessibility Services

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA), The University of Texas at Tyler offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. If a student has a disability, including a non-visible diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD, ADHD, or a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment, the student is encouraged to visit <https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler> and fill out the New Student application. The Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office will contact the student when the application has been submitted and schedule an appointment with the Assistant Director Student Accessibility and Resources/ADA Coordinator. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at <http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices>, the SAR office located in the University Center, # 3150 or call 903.566.7079.

Military Affiliated Students

UT Tyler honors the service and sacrifices of our military-affiliated students. If you are a student who is a veteran, on active duty, in the reserves or National Guard, or a military spouse or dependent, please stay in contact with your faculty member if any aspect of your present or prior service or family situation makes it difficult for you to fulfill the requirements of a course or creates disruption in your academic progress. It is important to make your faculty member aware of any complications as far in advance as possible. Your faculty member is willing to work with you and, if needed, put you in contact with university staff who are trained to assist you. Campus resources for military-affiliated students are in the [Military and Veterans Success Center \(MVSC\)](#). The MVSC can be reached at MVSC@uttyler.edu or via phone at 903.565.5972.

Academic Honesty and Academic Misconduct

The UT Tyler community comes together to pledge that “Honor and integrity will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.” Therefore, we enforce the [Student Conduct and Discipline policy](#) in the Student

Manual Of Operating Procedures (Section 8).

FERPA

UT Tyler follows the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as noted in [University Policy 5.2.3](#). The course instructor will follow all requirements in protecting your confidential information.

Recording of Class Sessions

Class sessions may be recorded by the instructor for use by students enrolled in the course. Recordings that contain personally identifiable information or other information subject to FERPA shall not be shared with individuals not enrolled in the course unless appropriate consent is obtained from all relevant students. Class recordings are reserved only for the use of students enrolled in the course and only for educational purposes. Course recordings should not be shared outside of the course in any form without express permission.

Absence for Official University Events or Activities

All courses follow the practices related to approved absences as noted by the Student Manual of Operating Procedures ([Sec. 1 -501](#)).

Absence for Religious Holidays

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious holiday are requested to inform the instructor by the second class meeting of the semester.

Campus Carry

We respect the right and privacy of students who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in all courses. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at <http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>.

UT Tyler Resources for Students

[UT Tyler Counseling Center](#) (available to all students)

[TAO Online Support Center](#) (online self-help modules related to mental & emotional health)

[Military and Veterans Success Center](#) (supports for our military-affiliated students)

[UT Tyler Patriot Food Pantry](#)

[UT Tyler Financial Aid and Scholarships](#)

[UT Tyler Registrar's Office](#)

[Office of International Programs](#)

[Title IX Reporting](#)

[Patriots Engage](#) (available to all students. Get engaged at UT Tyler.)

Incidence of Scholastic Dishonesty: You will receive an automatic zero on the assignment.

All cases of plagiarism or cheating will result in an automatic zero for the assignment!

Course Schedule and Assignments

All modules must be completed in the order listed below. I will not open modules early or close modules past their deadline based on your personal schedule.

Module	Lectures and Reading Assignments (Book Chapters)	Exam	Intro Assignment	Assignment	Module Open Date	Module Closing Date
1	Getting Started Introduction Lecture Lesson (Chapter 1: Introduction) -What is Geography? -Maps -Regions North America Lecture Lesson (Chapter 2) -Physical Environment -Population -Cities	1	1	Homework Assignment 1	Aug. 22, 2022 (Monday) 9 am	Sept. 7, 2022 (Wednesday) midnight
2	Middle America Lecture Lesson (Chapter 3) -Physical Environment -Population and Economy -Film South America Lecture Lesson (Chapter 4) -Physical Environment -Cities -Geopolitics	2		Homework Assignment 2	Sept. 8, 2022 (Thursday) 9 am	Sept. 26, 2022 (Monday) midnight
3	Europe Lecture Lesson (Chapter 5) -Physical Environment -The People -Political and Economic Geography Russia Lecture Lesson (Chapter 6) -Physical Environment -The People -Russia Today	3		Homework Assignment 3	Sept. 27, 2022 (Tuesday) 9 am	Oct. 12, 2022 (Wednesday) midnight
4	North Africa/SW Asia Lecture Lesson (Chapter 7) -Physical Environment and Population -Geography of the Veil -Israel and Settlement SubSaharan Africa Lecture Lesson (Chapter 8) -Physical Environment -South Africa -Film	4		Homework Assignment 4	Oct. 13, 2022 (Thursday) 9 am	Oct. 31, 2022 (Monday) midnight
5	South Asia Lecture Lesson (Chapter 9) -Physical Environment and Population -Food and Spices East Asia Lecture Lesson (Chapter 10) -Physical Environment and Population -Language and Family -Film	5		Homework Assignment 5	Nov. 1, 2022 (Tuesday) 9 am	Nov. 16, 2022 (Wednesday) midnight

6	Southeast Asia Lecture Lesson (Chapter 11) -Physical Environment and Population -Tourism and Human Sex Trafficking Austral Lecture Lesson (Chapter 12) -Physical Environment and Aboriginals	6		Homework Assignment 6	Nov. 17, 2022 (Thursday) 9 am	Dec. 9, 2022 (Friday) midnight
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