Montgomery County Community College
GEO 110
World Regional Geography
3-3-0

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This introduction to the social science of geography is a regional approach that surveys the diverse cultural and physical patterns of the world. This course is designed to cover a wide range of topics related to the regions of the world including: physical, environmental, population, ethnic, language, religious, agricultural, economic, political, and urban characteristics. Spatial skills and tools such as maps, location, scale, and various models (demographic, economic development, and urbanization) will be employed to better understand the diversity of regional geography.

REQUISITES:
Previous Course Requirements
None

Concurrent Course Requirements
None

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Locate the regions, countries, and important cities of the world.	Assigned Readings AV/Multimedia Materials Maps Lecture/Discussion Research Resources	Maps Written Examinations
2. Explain the processes creating regional variations in climate, terrain, and accessibility.	Assigned Readings AV/Multimedia Materials Maps, Graphs, and Data Lecture/Discussion Research Resources Written Assignments Development Project	Written Examinations and Assignments Development Project
3. Analyze graphs and maps to describe human population trends and the economic, political and social structures shaping them.	Assigned Readings AV/Multimedia Materials Maps, Graphs, and Data Lecture/Discussion Research Resources Written Assignments Development Project	Maps, Graphs, and Data Written Assignments Development Project

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4. Explain the interacting processes creating geographic diversity of cultural perspectives.	Assigned Readings AV/Multimedia Materials Maps, Graphs, and Data Lecture/Discussion Research Resources Written Assignments Development Project	Written Examinations and Assignments Development Project
5. Analyze the global connections of diverse cultures	Assigned Readings AV/Multimedia Materials Maps, Graphs, and Data Lecture/Discussion Research Resources Written Assignments Development Project	Written Examinations and Assignments Development Project
6. Evaluate regions and countries for economic development and sustainability, considering both physical attributes (terrain, climate, agriculture, accessibility, & transportation technologies) along with cultural perspectives (history, social structures, & political systems).	Assigned Readings AV/Multimedia Materials Maps, Graphs, and Data Lecture/Discussion Research Resources Written Assignments Development Project	Written Assignments Development Project
7. Develop an effective, efficient and ethical strategy to locate reliable information for a variety of locations.	Assigned Readings AV/Multimedia Materials Maps, Graphs, and Data Lecture/Discussion Research Resources Written Assignments Development Project	Maps, Graphs, and Data Written Assignments Development Project

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria*.

SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:
1. Introduction to Cultural and Physical Themes in Regional Geography
2. North America
3. South America
4. Europe

5. former Soviet Union
6. North Africa and Southwest Asia
7. Sub-Saharan Africa
8. South Asia
9. East Asia
10. Southeast Asia
11. Pacific Islands
12. Australia and New Zealand
13. Antarctica, the Ocean, and Outer Space

LEARNING MATERIALS:
Pulsipher, Pulsipher, and Goodwin. (2011). *World Regional Geography: Global Patterns, Local Lives*.

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

COURSE APPROVAL:
Prepared by: Wayne Brew   Date: 11/6/2009
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This course is consistent with Montgomery County Community College's mission. It was developed, approved and will be delivered in full compliance with the policies and procedures established by the College.