

Montgomery County Community College
 GEO 130
 Cultural Geography
 3-3-0

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This introductory course in the social science of human geography surveys the spatial aspects of: human-environment interaction, religion, language, agriculture, industrial & economic development, urbanization, globalization and population trends, as well as other adjustments made to the cultural landscape.

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. Apply the spatial perspective and methods of Geography to human learned behavior.	Demonstration & Practice Lecture/Discussion Assigned Readings AV/Multimedia Materials Case Study Journaling	Map Location Quizzes Map Interpretation Exercise or Exam Exercise or Exam Short Essays
2. Identify the geographic factors influencing change through space of cultural and political identity, and of cultural landscapes.	Assigned Readings Lecture/Discussion AV/Multimedia Materials Case Study	Student Exercises Written Exams
3. Identify the spatial impacts of economics, politics, and religion on demographic and land decisions.	Assigned Readings Lecture/Discussion AV/Multimedia Materials Case Study Library Research	Economic Development Plan Exam Questions

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5. Explain how individual, social, economic, and global forces shape the complexity of human cultural diversity.	Assigned Readings Lecture/Discussion AV/Multimedia Materials Library Research	Diverse Cultures' Sustainability Research Paper
6. Evaluate the environmental sustainability of diverse human cultures.	Assigned Readings Lecture/Discussion Demonstration & Practice Library Research	Diverse Cultures' Sustainability Research Paper

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 Geography & its Tools
 - a. basic history of Geography
 - b. location map use and thematic map interpretation
 - c. location, distance, scale, distribution, region, & diffusion
 - d. geographic visualization
2. Human/Environment Interaction & Sustainability
3. Demography & Epidemiology
4. Migration
5. Geographies of Language & Religion
6. US Ethnic Patterns
7. US Cultural Landscapes
8. Agriculture, Fishing, Forestry & Mining
9. Manufacturing & Service Industry Locations
10. Location Theories & Business Site Selection
11. Economic Development
12. Urban Location & Hierarchies
13. Urban Land use Patterns & Suburbanization
14. Land Use Planning & Political Geography

LEARNING MATERIALS:

Fellmann, Jerome David, et al. (2013). *Human Geography: Landscapes of Human Activities* (12th ed.). Madison, Wisconsin: McGraw-Hill Company.

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:

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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.