

University of Florida / Fall 2008
Syllabus / Schedule

**** Prior to Fall 2007, this course was numbered GEO1010. Please check your transcript to ensure you are not repeating this course. ****

Course: **GEA 1000**
 MWF

Section 2283
Period 2: 8:30 – 9:20am

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Office Hours: Following class &
 by appointment

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Class Information/website: www.clas.ufl.edu/users/lininger

Text: There is no text required for this class. Extra readings will be assigned throughout the semester.

Course Description:

This course meets the general education requirements for the international and social science credits.

The course seeks to give students a regional perspective on issues pertaining to important urban, economic, environmental, geomorphologic and climatic issues in the world. The causes of problems associated with these issues and the possible solutions will be discussed. Students will be expected to use map interpretation skills to analyze data and draw inferences and conclusions about real world phenomena. Topics covered are such as an overview in geography discipline, population change, deforestation, globalization, etc.

This course consists of lectures, exams, Videos/DVDs, and extra readings. Maps will form a central part of our exploration of the course content. A basic understanding of map reading is presumed, but should you need any help with interpretation, please ask me.

Course Objectives:

- To gain a basic understanding of some of the contemporary challenges of the different world regions.
- Learn a geographer's approach to understanding processes such as "climate" and "globalization"

Exams: There will be a total of four non-cumulative exams given on lectures, videos, extra readings, and map locations. These exams are currently scheduled, yet a change could be made due to unknown circumstances. Any change of exam time will be announced in class at least one week in advance.

Grading: Each exam will be worth 100 points, for a total of 400 possible points. The exams will consist of multiple choice, true and false, and map location questions.

Grading Scale: A = 89.50 and above
 B+ = 89.49 - 84.50
 B = 84.49 - 79.50
 C+ = 79.49 - 74.50

C = 74.49 - 69.50
D+ = 69.49 - 64.50
D = 64.49 - 59.50
E = 59.49 - 0

Attendance Credit: There will be a total of 5 attendance points taken randomly throughout the semester. These will be added to your total points at the end of the semester. (Please note: these are NOT percentage points!)

Exam Scores: There will be only **two weeks** allowed for exam reviews, calculated from the day the exam scores are posted. Exam reviews will be done during office hours or at an appointment time. Students will be welcome to come and review their actual exam results. Once this week period is over, the exam grades will be entered as a permanent grade and will be set aside as completed. It is the student's responsibility to check and make certain that each of his/her scores are posted. Exams are handled through a separate department and are graded, then returned to me. Therefore I receive a completed list with the grades identified by the exam number (**you will be responsible for keeping this information from each exam you take – I cannot do this for the entire class!!!**) Once I announce that exam scores are posted online and on a printed list that will be available, you can check to make certain that your grade is listed. If it is not, then you need to come and talk with me so that we can locate it. Due to the fact that I am not personally handling this testing procedure, you must help me look out for your grade – errors can and do happen.

Class Rules:

- You are responsible to come to class. If you miss class without a proper excuse, do not ask me for missed materials. If a known conflict preventing you from coming to class, make arrangements with me ahead of time.
- **No extra credit will be given.** Therefore, it is important to begin the semester with the knowledge that exams will constitute your entire grade.
- There will be **NO make up exams given.** However, if an unavoidable event arises and causes you to miss, or anticipate missing an exam please come and see me. Bring any formal documentation that supports the absence. You **must** have some written form validating your absence, for example a doctor's receipt. At that time it will be totally up to my discretion to decide if any credit can be gained for the missed exam.
- **Don't be late for exams!!** You will have only the normal class time for your exams. Being late refers to when the first person walks out of the door during the exam time.
- **Cheating will not be tolerated** according to the University rules: *"We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity."* *"On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."*
- I have lots of e-mails to read per day so **please only e-mail me when necessary.** I won't reply your e-mail if you asked annoying questions such as 'What will be included in the exam?', 'When is the exam?'

**Tentative Course Schedule
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Please note periodic updates / changes to the course outline during the semester! Exam dates are NOT absolute; they are tentative. Final decisions about exam dates will be announced in class. It is the responsibility of the student to stay informed of any of these changes.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic/ Material Due</u>
1	8/25	M: Class introduction W: Geography Basics F: Geography BasicsP
2	9/01	M: NO CLASS W: Population Change F: Population Change
3	9/08	M: Population Change W: Population Change F: Urbanization
4	9/15	M: Urbanization W: Urbanization F: Urbanization
5	9/22	M: EXAM 1 W: Conflict and Displacement F: Conflict and Displacement
6	9/29	M: Deforestation W: Deforestation F: Deforestation
7	10/06	M: Deforestation W: Climate Change F: Climate Change
8	10/13	M: Climate Change W: Climate Change F: Climate Change
9	10/20	M: EXAM 2 W: Desertification F: NO CLASS - HOMECOMING
10	10/27	M; Desertification W: Desertification F: Desertification
11	11/03	M: Globalization & Economic Geography W: Globalization & Economic Geography F: Globalization & Economic Geography
12	11/10	M: EXAM 3

		W: Energy resources & Petroleum issues F: Energy resources & Petroleum issues
13	11/17	M: Energy resources & Petroleum issues W: Energy resources & Petroleum issues F: Energy resources & Petroleum issues
14	11/24	M: NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING W: NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING F: NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING
15	12/01	M: Fresh water resources W: Fresh water resources F: Fresh water resources
16	12/08	M: Fresh water resources W: EXAM 4- FINAL DAY OF CLASSES