NVCC COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY

GEO 210 - PEOPLE AND THE LAND: AN INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY (3 CR)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Focuses on the relationship between culture and geography. Presents a survey of modern demographics, landscape modification, material and nonmaterial culture, language, race and ethnicity, religion, politics, and economic activities. Introduces the student to types and uses of maps. Lecture 3 hours per week.

GENERAL COURSE PURPOSE

To provide a basic knowledge and understanding of the spatial patterns of humans and human activities. Although the basic context of the course deals with the world today, the historic background for most of the topics are studied and analyzed.

ENTRY LEVEL COMPETENCY

No prerequisites required.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

To focus particularly on the current and future environmental aspects of cultural geography - particularly the need for better understanding of other peoples and their needs. To challenge the student to use an objective approach to some of the more controversial issues of human occupancy of the earth.

MAJOR TOPICS TO BE INCLUDED

A. Fundamentals of maps and other tools in cultural geography
B. World population
   1. The development of humans and human races
   2. Population geography and terminology
   3. Population and food supply
C. The elements of cultural geography
   1. Concepts of culture
   2. Geography of religions