

NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY GEO 220 – WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY (3 CR.)

Course Description

Examines similarities and differences among the world's major regions. Evaluates ways in which people and places interact across space and time to produce particular spatial and environmental patterns. Introduces the student to geographic tools such as maps. This is a Passport and UCGS transfer course. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

This course applies geographical concepts to analyze events and issues in contemporary or historical contexts. It is designed to enhance the knowledge and understanding of various themes in each major region of the world with a focus on the geographical context of events. It also demonstrates the increasing role globalization plays in forming interconnections between places and regions.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None.

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

Written Communication

- Effectively communicate spatial observations in the realm of geography through written and/or oral communication

Critical Thinking

- Locate, evaluate, interpret and combine credible sources of information to describe and explain current world events within a geographic context

Scientific Literacy

- Use geographic tools, including maps, charts, images and technologies to process and analyze spatial data
- Interpret data using maps, charts or geospatial images to solve geographical issues in a global setting

Professional Readiness

- Recognize problems and propose solutions that are appropriate for a given context
- Display situationally and culturally appropriate behavior

Civic Engagement

- Apply geographic concepts to understanding current events, conflicts and issues in a regional context.
- Identify concepts of civic engagement and reflect on one's role at different scales of community

Quantitative Literacy

- Interpret quantitative information
- Apply and analyze relevant numerical data
- Use data to support conclusions

Major Topics to be Included

- Geography Concepts and Skills
- Physical and Environmental Geography
- Population and Settlement
- Cultural Elements and Society
- Geopolitics
- Economic and Social Development