

ACE Plus- GCU 121- # 15772- Fall 2009
World Geography: Eastern Hemisphere
Saturdays 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location: HU 112

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(from 8:30 to 9:00 am Saturdays in the classroom)

Required Materials: Simple Calculator, pencil, eraser

Required Text: Readings will be assigned in class and posted on Blackboard at the instructor's discretion, and atlases are provided.

Absolutely NO cell phones, music players, or unapproved electronic devices
(laptops may be used with my permission)

Course Description and Objective: This course offers descriptions and analyses of spatial variations in social, economic, physical and political phenomena in major world regions; focusing primarily on Europe, Russia, North Africa, and Asia. The objective of this class is to provide a professional and interactive setting in which to learn the physical and human causes of these phenomena's dispersal, political and social boundaries, and discuss world events pertaining to these regions.

The classes will be divided into 50% lecture and 50% hands-on/research. Maps will be provided per region and adequate library time will be allotted for research purposes. Most assignments will be completed in groups of two or more and time working together outside of class will likely be needed.

Course Requirements: Your grade in this class depends upon your performance on exams, quizzes, map assignments, presentations, and class/group participation. The assignments are as follows:

Assignments

Readings quizzes	(4 X 5 pts)	20
Map Assignments	(4 X 20 pts)	80
Class Presentations	(4 X 25 pts)	100
Test (essay)	(4 X 50 pts)	200
Class/group Participation	(100 pts)	100

Grading: Grades will be in an official college transcript. The scale is as follows:

100- 90 = A	(Excellent)
89- 80 = B	(Above Average)
79- 70 = C	(Average)
69- 60 = D	(Passing)
59- 50 = F	(Failing)
Incomplete = I	(not computed in GPA)
Withdrawn = W	(not computed in GPA)

Course Attendance: It is your responsibility to be present for all classes. Per ACE Plus policy, students are allowed to miss no more than TWO absences in any given semester. The student will be responsible for completing any missed work/readings/projects/etc. Exams may NOT be made-up. Students with three absences will be withdrawn from the class for that semester. All students must report absences to the ACE Plus office AND their instructor. **Keep in mind, students will be counted absent if he/she is 20 minutes late.**

Schedule Changes: Course content may vary depending upon the circumstances of this particular class. Students will be notified when adjustments are required.

Tentative Course Schedule

Aug 22	Intro- Library
Aug 29	Eastern Hemisphere- Reading assignment
Sept 5	Europe- Readings quiz and Map
Sept 12	Europe- Map due- Library
Sept 19	Europe- Presentations
Sept 26	Test of Europe: North Africa- Map and reading assigned
Oct 3	North Africa- Map due and quiz over readings- Library
Oct 10	North Africa- Presentations
Oct 17	Test of North Africa: Russia- Map and reading assigned
Oct 24	Russia- Map due and quiz over readings- Library
Oct 31	Russia- Presentations
Nov 7	Test of Russia: Asia- Map and reading assigned
Nov 14	Asia- Map due and quiz over readings- Library
Nov 21	Asia- Presentations
Nov 28	No Class!
Dec 5	Test of Asia
Dec 12	Possible Field Trip
Final	To be announced

Disables Student Resources: Students who need special assistance or accommodations should contact the instructor. Disability Services and Resources may also be of assistance (845-3080; located in the SPS Building).

Student Responsibilities: It is the student's responsibility to read and understand the information in the syllabus as well as the college policies that are included in the college catalog and student handbook. It is also the student's responsibility to understand the ACE Plus program's policies.

Course Competencies

Identify the countries of the region and describe their importance

Locate and describe size and shape of countries within the regions

Identify and describe the major water bodies in landforms of the regions

Describe the vegetation, soils and agricultural zones in the regions

Identify locations of minerals (presence or absence)

Describe population density and growth rates; name largest cities in each region

Identify racial, language and religious groups

Describe occupational structures, the educational standards and methods and standards of living within countries of these regions

Describe the type, location, technology and problems of industry within the regions

Describe agricultural industries of the region (types and shortages/surpluses)

Locate major fishing zones

Identify major imports and exports and goods traded

Identify major transportation systems

Describe various governmental systems

Indicate health standards and social services of the regions