

ACE Plus- GCU 122- # 3862- Spring 2010
World Geography: Western Hemisphere
Saturdays 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location: HU 112

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Instructor Information:

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(from 8:30 to 9:00 am Saturdays in HU 112)

Required Materials: Simple Calculator, pencil, eraser, Blackboard Access

Required Text: *Diversity Amid Globalization: World Regions, Environment, Development* (4th Edition); Atlases are provided.

Absolutely NO cell phones, music players, or unapproved electronic devices (laptops may be used upon teacher approval)

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 North America, Latin America, and the Caribbean. 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

Current Events	(5 X 5 pts)	25
Map Assignments	(3 X 25 pts)	75
Class Presentations	(3 X 50 pts)	150
Tests	(3 X 50 pts)	150
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Withdrawn = W	(not computed in GPA)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 be made-up as long as prior notice of the absence is provided. Students with three absences will be withdrawn from the class for that semester.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

	In Class	Assignment
Jan 23	Intro- Library	Readings (Chap 6)
Jan 30	SSA Discussion/Lecture- <i>Map</i>	Current Events (Chap 5)
Feb 6	SSA & Caribbean- <i>Map</i>	Current Events
Feb 13	Caribbean- Library	Current Events
Feb 20	Caribbean- Presentations	
Feb 27	Test SSA & Caribbean Latin Am- <i>Map</i>	Readings (Chap 4)
Mar 6	Latin America Discussion/Lecture	Current events
Mar 13	Latin America Discussion/Lecture	Current Events
Mar 20	Latin America- Library	Current Events
Mar 27	Latin America Presentations	
Apr 3	Test Latin Am North Am- <i>Map</i>	Readings (Chap 3)
Apr 10	North Am Discussion/Lecture	Current Events
Apr 17	North Am Discussion/Lecture	Current Events
Apr 24	North America- Library	Current Events
May 1	North America Presentations	
May 8	Test North America	

Disabled 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