World Regional Geography

*World Regional Geography* meets both the diversity (international perspective) and social science requirements of general education at UConn. In meeting both it emphasizes the interaction among diverse groups of people both across and within many countries of the world.

Course Information

**Course Title:** World Regional Geography (GEOG 1700)  
**Credits:** 3  
**Instructor:** D. M. Hanink, Ph.D., Professor of Geography, University of Connecticut  
**Software requirements:** PC compatibility, HuskyCT compatibility  

- NO SUPPLEMENTAL TEXT MATERIALS ARE REQUIRED OR NECESSARY -

Course Description

*World Regional Geography* concerns a variety of global patterns: physical, cultural, economic, and others that are related to the way the world works. This course provides a brief survey of the patterns in general and then takes up selected continental-scale regions and individual countries in turn for more specific investigation.

Course Objectives

*After completing this course students should be able to:*

1. Use the regional concept of geography as a means of integrating cultural, environmental, and social information about people in the context of where they live.

2. Describe the major variations in cultures that underlie regional differences around the world.
3. Describe the major variations in physical environments that underlie regional differences around the world.

4. Describe the major variations in social systems that underlie regional differences around the world.

5. Distinguish between those historical and contemporary processes that have led to patterns of convergence in culture around the world and those processes that have led to patterns of cultural conflict around the world.

6. Analyze contemporary issues in the context of their cultural, environmental, and social geography.

Course Outline

The course progresses over six modules. The first module is an introduction to the impact of globalization on global geographical diversity and to the world’s regional geographies of environment, politics, culture, and economy. The remaining modules focus on the different macro-regions of the world in turn. Required reading within each module consists of two-three chapters from Globalization and Diversity: Geography of a Changing World.

Modules and related reading:

1. Introduction: Regions and Globalization; World patterns of politics, culture, economy, and environment -- Chapters 1 and 2

2. The Western Hemisphere -- Chapters 3, 4, and 5

3. Africa and Southwest Asia -- Chapters 6 and 7

4. Europe and the Russian Domain -- Chapters 8 and 9

5. Central and East Asia -- Chapters 10 and 11

6. South and Southeast Asia and the Pacific -- Chapters 12, 13, and 14

Grading

Grades for the course have three parts:

1. participation in online discussion of reading: 5 points per module – 30 points in total;

2. quizzes: 5 points per quiz (% correct x 5), two per module - 60 points in total; and

3. brief essay style responses to two questions per module: 5 point per question - 60 points in total.
o A = 139-150 points;
o A- = 135-138 points;
o B+ = 132-134 points;
o B = 124-131 points;
o B- = 120-123 points;
o C+ = 117-119 points;
o C = 109-116 points;
o C- = 105-108 points;
o D+ = 102-104 points;
o D = 94-101 points;
o D- = 90-93;
o F < 90 points.

**Student Evaluation of the Course**

Students will be provided the opportunity to evaluate instruction in this course using the University’s standard procedures.