



National Taiwan University of Science and Technology

2021 Winter Program

GEO 101: Global Geography

Course Outline

Course Code: GEO 101

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Credit: 4

Course Description: This course will introduce you to the various geographic realms and regions of the world. We will examine various parts and regions of the world in terms of their physical, economic, demographic, and socio-cultural features. The goal of this course is to enable you to be familiar with the different regions of the world and understand their physical and cultural diversity.

Required Textbooks: Rowntree, Lewis, Price, & Wyckoff (2017): Diversity amid Globalization, World Regions Environment, Development, 7th Edition (Pearson, Prentice Hall).

Grading & Evaluation:

Students will be evaluated on the course based on the following two components:

- 1) **Three exams (counting 20% each for 60%):** Exams are meant to assess your comprehension of different topics presented through the reading and lecture materials. The exams will be composed of multiple choice, true/false, and short questions.



2) **Essays (40%)**: Two reaction essays (3-4 pages in length) will need to be written over the entire course program Topics will be given and discussed during the program.

Grading Scale:

The following “standard” grading scale will be used in the course:

A+:4.3——95-100

A :4.0——87-94

A -:3.7——82-86

B+:3.3——78-81

B :3.0——75-77

B -:2.7——71-74

C+:2.3——68-70

C :2.0——65-67

C -:1.7——61-64

D :1.0——55-60

E :0.0——49-54

X :0.0——0



Tentative Course Schedule:

Week1

- Session 1: Introduction to Geography & Basic Geographic Concepts
- Session 2: North Africa and Middle East I
- Session 3: North Africa and Middle East II



Week2

Session 4: South Asia I

Session 5: East and South East Asia

Session 6: Russia and Central Asia

Week3

Session 7: Europe I

Session 8: Africa I

Session 9: Africa II

Week4

Session 10: North and South America I

Session 11: North and South America II

Session 12: Australia and Oceania

