

# Minnesota State College Southeast

## GEOG 1115: World Regional Geography

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: \*.\*

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci, Goal 08 - Global Perspective

This course will present an introduction to the physical, economic, political, cultural, and demographic characteristics of world regions. Particular emphasis is placed on spatial (geographic) relationships and principles that impact the formation of economies and cultures, on settlement and land use patterns, population distribution, commerce and industry, language, religion, and political alliances. (MnTC Goals 5 and 8) (Prerequisite: none) (3 credits: 3 lecture/0 lab)

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 07/20/2016 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Basic understanding of geography and maps
2. Basic understanding of physical, cultural and human characteristics of world regions
3. Basic understanding of the geopolitical history of world regions
4. Basic understanding of current events as they apply to world regions

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Students will understand how to use maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technologies to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective
2. Students will understand how to analyze the spatial organization of people, places, and environments on Earth's surface
3. Students will understand the physical, cultural and human characteristics of world regions
4. Students will understand the physical processes that shape the patterns of Earth's surface
5. Students will understand how physical features on the Earth affect land development, and how this in turn affects human development
6. Students will understand the characteristics, distribution, and migration of human populations on Earth's surface
7. Students will understand the patterns and networks of economic interdependence on Earth's surface
8. Students will understand the meaning, use, distribution, and importance of natural resources on Earth's surface
9. Students will understand how the forces of cooperation and conflict among humans influence geopolitics and the division and control of Earth
10. Students will know and understand environmental issues surrounding land use, transportation and settlement patterns
11. Students will describe and analyze modern economies, contemporary land-use patterns and public policy, and their impact on natural resources management and environmental preservation
12. Students will further develop their critical thinking, analytical, and communication skills to assist them in dealing with an ever-changing world

## **E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies**

### Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
2. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
3. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

### Goal 08 - Global Perspective

1. Describe and analyze political, economic, and cultural elements which influence relations of states and societies in their historical and contemporary dimensions.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of cultural, social, religious and linguistic differences.
3. Analyze specific international problems, illustrating the cultural, economic, and political differences that affect their solution.

## **F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT**

As noted on course syllabus

## **G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

This course was previously GEOG 2515.