

Geography

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This Geography course will examine a broad range of geographical perspectives covering all of the major regions of the world. Each region will be reviewed in a similar structure in order for students to more clearly see the similarities and differences between each region. Specifically, the course will explore where each region is located along with its physical characteristics, including absolute and relative location, climate, and significant geographical features. The exploration will then continue on to look at each region from a cultural, economic, and political perspective, closely examining the human impact on each region from these perspectives as well as how human activities impact the environments of the region.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- **Unit 1** – Demonstrate an understanding of geography and its definition
- **Unit 2** – Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture and economic characteristics of places and regions in North America
- **Unit 3** – Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture and economic characteristics of places and regions in Central America
- **Unit 4** – Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture and economic characteristics of places and regions in South America
- **Unit 5** – Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture and economic characteristics of places and regions in Western Europe
- **Unit 6** – Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture and economic characteristics of places and regions in Eastern Europe and Russia
- **Unit 7** – Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture and economic characteristics of places and regions in East Asia
- **Unit 8** – Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture and economic characteristics of places and regions in Southeast Asia and the Pacific Cultures
- **Unit 9** – Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture and economic characteristics of places and regions in Africa
- **Unit 10** – Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture and economic characteristics of places and regions in India and the Middle East

PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE LENGTH: Two semesters

REQUIRED TEXT: None

COURSE OUTLINE:

UNIT I: Introduction to Geography

Section 1 - What is Geography?

Section 2 - Locating Our Place in Space: Spatial Analysis

Section 3 - Physical Attributes of Earth's Landscape

Section 4 - Human Impact

Section 5 - Unit Assessment: Careers in Geography

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COURSE OUTLINE (continued):

UNIT II: North America

- Section 1 - Where is...North America?
- Section 2 - Physical Characteristics and Systems
- Section 3 - Human Culture
- Section 4 - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section 5 - Unit Assessment: North America

UNIT III: Central America

- Section 1 - Where is...Central America?
- Section 2 - Physical Characteristics and Systems
- Section 3 - Human Culture
- Section 4 - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section 5 - Unit Assessment: Central America

UNIT IV: South America

- Section 1 - Where is...South America?
- Section 2 - Physical Characteristics and Systems
- Section 3 - Human Culture
- Section 4 - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section 5 - Unit Assessment: South America

UNIT V: Western Europe

- Section 1 - Where is...Western Europe?
- Section 2 - Physical Characteristics and Systems
- Section 3 - Human Culture
- Section 4 - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section 5 - Unit Assessment: Western Europe

UNIT VI: Eastern Europe and Russia

- Section 1 - Where is...Eastern Europe and Russia?
- Section 2 - Physical Characteristics and Systems
- Section 3 - Human Culture
- Section 4 - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section 5 - Unit Assessment: Eastern Europe and Russia

UNIT VII: East Asia

- Section 1 - Where is...East Asia?
- Section 2 - Physical Characteristics and Systems
- Section 3 - Human Culture
- Section 4 - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section 5 - Unit Assessment: East Asia

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COURSE OUTLINE (continued):

UNIT VIII: Southeast Asia and the Pacific Cultures

Section 1 - Where is... Southeast Asia and the Pacific Cultures?

Section 2 - Physical Characteristics and Systems

Section 3 - Human Culture

Section 4 - Human Impact on the Environment

Section 5 - Unit Assessment: Southeast Asia and the Pacific Cultures

UNIT IX: Africa

Section 1 - Where is... Africa?

Section 2 - Physical Characteristics and Systems

Section 3 - Human Culture

Section 4 - Human Impact on the Environment

Section 5 - Unit Assessment: Africa

UNIT X: India and the Middle East

Section 1 - Where is... India and the Middle East?

Section 2 - Physical Characteristics and Systems

Section 3 - Human Culture

Section 4 - Human Impact on the Environment

Section 5 - Unit Assessment: India and the Middle East