GEA 1000: Geography of a Changing World
University of Florida • Department of Geography
Section 2122
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Tuesday 1:55-2:45 PM
Thursday 1:55-3:50 PM
CSE E221

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
The course seeks to give students a regional perspective on issues pertaining to important urban, economics, environmental, and climatic issues in the world. The causes of problems associated with these issues and the possible solutions will be discussed. Students will be expected to use map interpretation skills to analyze data and draw inferences and conclusions about real world phenomena. This course meets the general education requirements for the international and social science credits.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
- To gain a basic understanding of some of the contemporary challenges of the different world regions.
- Learn a geographer’s approach to understanding processes such as “climate change” and “globalization”.

COURSE STRUCTURE:
- Lectures
- Videos/DVDs
- Assignments/quizzes
- Group project
- Exams

TEXT:
- No textbook is required. However, “Visualizing Human Geography- 2nd Edition” by Alyson Greiner is a valuable resource for this course and life in general.
- Extra readings will be assigned throughout the semester.

WEB PAGES:
For class materials, grades and other interactions, please visit E-learning/Canvas at http://lss.at.ufl.edu/. If you experience problems trying to log on, contact the UF Computing Help Desk: The Hub, 392.HELP for assistance.
TOPICS COVERED:

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*I reserve the right to make changes to the syllabus during the course of the semester*

TENTATIVE EXAM DATES:
Exam 1: September 24th
Exam 2: October 22nd
Exam 3: December 8th

**There are 40-50 multiple choice questions for each exam. The exams are non-cumulative**

NO CLASSES:
Labor Day: September 7th
Homecoming: November 6-7th
Veterans Day: November 11th
Thanksgiving: November 25-28th

COURSE EVALUATIONS:
Total points- 250 points
- Three (3) exams= 50 points
- One (1) group project= 50 points
- Assignments/quizzes= 50 points

***More information on the group project will be provided at a later date***

GRADING SCALE:

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RULES:
• It is your responsibility to attend class. No attendance will be taken unless required by the university or some other authority. If there is a known conflict preventing you from coming to class, make arrangements with me ahead of time. If you are unexpectedly forced to miss a class, on a case-by-case basis, with proper documentation, assistance may be available.
• Extra credit MAY be given. This will be done at MY discretion and if/when I find appropriate means for this. Therefore, do NOT rely on extra credit to pass your exams.
• There will be NO makeup exams given. However, if an unavoidable event arises and causes you to miss, or anticipate missing an exam please come and see me. Bring any formal documentation that supports the absence. You must have some written form validating your absence, for example a doctor’s note. At that time it will be totally up to my discretion to decide if any credit can be gained for the missed exam.
• Don’t be late for exams. You will have only the normal class time for your exams.
• Late assignments/quizzes will be penalized with points deducted.
• Cheating will not be tolerated according to the University rules.
• Take it easy on the texting, tweeting, tinder and facebooking during class. It is not a good look for you.

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Students with a disability are requested to notify the instructor during the first two weeks of class to implement appropriate learning accommodations. Documentation for learning accommodations recommended by the University of Florida’s Office for Disability Services is requested. The office is located on the first floor of Reid Hall and the phone number is 392-8565.

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**COURSE EVALUATION:**
Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course. These evaluations are conducted online at [https://evaluations.ufl.edu](https://evaluations.ufl.edu). You will be notified when evaluations are open.