Master Syllabus

Administrative Unit: Science Department

Course Prefix and Number: GEOG 101

Course Title: Introduction to Geography

Number of Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory Hours: 0

Catalog Description: Introduction to the distribution of people, activities, and environments around the world; geographic patterns and the interaction of humans with their surroundings are emphasized. Offered Fall. G.E. Course meets World/Eastern culture graduation requirements.

Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): None

Text(s): Most current editions of the following:


Course Objectives:

• To understand the diversity that exists in world geography.
• To explain the interconnectedness of people and places.
• To illustrate how the themes of environment, politics, economics, culture, religion, and geological aspects contribute to the larger understanding of geography.

Measurable Learning Outcomes:

• Identify locations of the major physical, political, and urban features on earth.
• Identify key characteristics which explain the economic, political, and cultural processes affecting individual location choices and spatial patterns.
• Define and describe how the concepts of population settlement, geopolitical frameworks, and cultural diversity contribute to geographic development.
• Explain the major aspects of the human/environment interaction (e.g. resource use and natural hazards).
• Understand the major geologic and meteorological processes and the resulting patterns in the environment.
• Define and explain the methods used for geographic investigation.

Topical Outline (major areas of coverage):
• Maps, mapping, and imagery
• The physical environment—landforms, climate, etc.
• Natural Hazards
• Natural resources—use and misuse
• Demography—locations, changes
• Cultural geography—patterns and conflicts
• Political geography—local, national, international
• Economic geography—patterns and change
• Urban geography—settlement patterns and structure
• Regions

Recommended maximum class size for this course: 35

Library Resources: Online databases are available at http://www.ccis.edu/offices/library/resources.asp. You may access them from off-campus using your eServices login and password when prompted.

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NOTE: The intention of the master syllabus is to provide an outline of the contents of this course, as specified by the faculty of Columbia College, regardless of who teaches the course, when it is taught or where it is taught. Faculty members teaching this course for Columbia College are expected to facilitate learning pursuant to the course objectives and cover the subjects listed in the topical outline. However, instructors are also encouraged to cover additional topics of interest so long as those topics are relevant to the course’s subject. The master syllabus is, therefore, prescriptive in nature but also allows for a diversity of individual approaches to course material.

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