

Course Purpose / Objective

Geography is a one semester course that guides high school freshman through the study of the physical, biological, and cultural features of the earth's surface. Course material will be presented using classroom instruction, textbook readings, research (library and internet), and assessment (homework, quizzes, exams, special projects, and a semester final).

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Textbook

World Geography Today
RJ Sager and DM Helgren
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Course Outline

Unit 1	Introduction to Geography
Unit 3	Middle & South America
Unit 4	Europe
Unit 5	Russia & Northern Eurasia
Unit 6	Southwest Asia
Unit 7	Africa
Unit 9	East & Southeast Asia
Unit 10	The Pacific World

Workload and Grading

homework	one per section, 10 to 15 points each
quizzes	one per section, 10 points each
exams	one per chapter, 50 points each
projects	one per unit, 50 points each
final	one per semester

Special Projects

Special projects will be assigned throughout the course, one per unit. The focus of each project will be a particular country in the respective unit. Time for these projects will be given in class during the block day session, but time outside class may be needed as well. Examples of such projects are listed below:

<i>Unit 1</i>	<i>create a data/fact sheet</i>
<i>Unit 3</i>	<i>fictionalize a daily journal of a historical explorer</i>
<i>Unit 4</i>	<i>create a travel brochure</i>
<i>Unit 5</i>	<i>write an essay on a natural or man-made ecological disaster</i>
<i>Unit 7</i>	<i>create a slide presentation detailing culture/economics</i>
<i>Unit 9</i>	<i>design a four-course meal (with authentic recipes)</i>

Required Materials

1" three-ring binder
three-hole punched lined paper
writing utensil

Rules

Respect (see also Student Handbook)

Procedures

seating	assigned (at lab tables) bring everything needed for class including planner may bring a drink but not food
behavior	mature adolescent Christian, "eyes here"
homework	handed in on due date, always individual work (no groups), "over and up, yours on top"
cabinets	closed cabinets off-limits (except under microwaves) open bookshelf for reference materials (all which stay in room)
dismissal	bell for instructor, then instructor dismisses class
tardy	stand at door and ask permission to enter during natural break
absent	receive assignments from classmate