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GEOG 1030 – Cultural Geography

This Course Outline is subject to change with notice.

Credit Hours: 3 semester credit hours

Prerequisites: Exemption from or completion of ENGL 0810 and READ 0810.

Catalog Description:

This course examines variations in culture and analyzes how cultural elements vary or recur from place to place and influence change and economic development. Topics include demographics, distribution patterns, and interactions of such cultural characteristics as language, religion, politics, urbanization, and economics. Prerequisite: Exemption from or completion of READ 0810 and ENGL 0810.

Group for Whom the Class is Intended:

This course fulfills the essential elective for preparation in the global civilization. It is open to students in any major.

Instructor Information:

Name, Rank, and Title
Office Location
Office Hours (13 per week for full-time faculty)
Academic Advising Hours (2 per week for full-time faculty)
Office Phone Number and Email Address

Required Texts:

Please refer to the official Department Textbook Information document which is located on the Social Science Home page.

Program Learning Outcomes:

After completing the course requirements, students will be demonstrate the ability to . . .

- Recognize, describe, and explain social institutions, structures, and processes and the complexities of a global culture and diverse society
- Think critically about how individuals are influenced by political, geographic, economic, cultural, and family institutions in their own and other diverse cultures and explain how one’s own belief system may differ from others
- Explore the relationship between the individual and society as it affects the personal behavior, social development and quality of life of the individual, the family and the community
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- Take ethical stands based on appropriate research in the social and behavioral sciences

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

This course prepares students to:

- Identify the characteristics of culture, ethnicity, religion and traditions
- Recognize the impact of major religions and cultures on world affairs
- Understand the impact of cultural beliefs on the other institutions of society
- Understand how religious beliefs shape cultural norms
- Recognize the relationships between ancient civilizations and contemporary cultures
- Understand how geography impacts the diffusion of cultures, religions, traditions

**Course Objectives:**

Throughout the course, students will have opportunities to . . .

- Locate and place major demographic features of individual countries and regions on blank maps.
- Describe broad patterns of national and regional development with reference to culture, history, and politics
- Explain the origins of specific cultural practices and their impact on society
- Explore and analyze unique federal political structures
- Explore the relationships between geography and the development of cultural norms
- Explain the relationships between cultural practices and the spread of disease
- Describe how religious beliefs and cultural practices shape national or regional choices in world affairs

**Major Assignments and Method for Calculating the Final Grade:**

Students will be required to attend class and be engaged in the discussion, complete map assignments, complete chapter assignments, take weekly quizzes and chapter exams, and complete a writing project.

**Grading Policies:**

This course utilizes a points system in the calculation of the final grade as follows:
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Grading Scale:

A = 90 - 100
B = 80-89
C = 70-79
D = 60-69
F = Below 60

Course Policies:

Academic Misconduct Policy:
Plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited. Students guilty of academic misconduct, either directly or indirectly, through participation or assistance, are immediately responsible to the instructor of the class. Based on their professional judgment, instructors have the authority to impose the following academic sanctions: (a) require the student to repeat the assignment for full or partial credit; (b) assign a zero, an F, or any other grade appropriate for the assignment or examination; (c) assign an F for the course. In addition, disciplinary sanctions may be imposed through the regular institutional procedures. For more information, see MSCC Policy 3:02:00:03.

Classroom Misconduct Policy:
The instructor has the primary responsibility for maintenance of academic integrity and controlling classroom behavior, and can order temporary removal or exclusion from the classroom of any student engaged in disruptive conduct or conduct that violates the general rules and regulations of the institution for each class session during which the conduct occurs. Extended or permanent exclusion from the classroom, beyond the session in which the conduct occurred, or further disciplinary action can be effected only through appropriate procedures of the institution.

Disruptive behavior in the classroom may be defined as, but not limited to, behavior that obstructs or disrupts the learning environment (e.g., offensive language, harassment of students and professors, repeated outbursts from a student which disrupt the flow of instruction or prevent concentration on the subject taught, failure to cooperate in maintaining classroom decorum, etc.), text messaging, and the continued use of any electronic or other noise or light emitting device which disturbs others (e.g., disturbing noises from beepers, cell phones, palm pilots, lap-top computers, games, etc.). For more information, see MSCC Policy 3:02:00:03.

Class Cancellation Policy
If class is cancelled for any reason, students will be notified via our D2L page and will be told how to prepare for the next class period. It is the student's responsibility to check his or her e-mail regularly to make sure that he/she is aware of any class changes. Because class is sometimes cancelled due to weather conditions, it is also highly recommended for students to subscribe to weather and campus alerts through his/her Motlow Banner account.

Emergency Procedures Policy:
In case of a medical emergency we will immediately dial 9-911 and report the nature of the medical emergency to emergency response personnel. We will try to stay with the person(s) in
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In the event of an emergency (drill or actual), a signal will be sent. Based on that signal, students will follow the procedures below for that specific type of emergency:

**Loud warbling sound throughout Building (FIRE)**
Collect purses and coats and proceed immediately out of your room and exit through the closest emergency exit. Proceed to the Designated Assembly Area closing windows and doors as you exit. Remain there until the "All Clear" Signal is given by an Emergency Management Team member. (Instructors- Provide your Designated Assembly Area, and its location to students)

**Tornado Siren (SEVERE WEATHER):**
Proceed to the closest designated severe weather shelter on the 1st floor and proceed all the way into the shelter. Crouch down on the floor with your head between your knees facing away from the outside walls. Remain there until the "All Clear" Signal is given. (Instructors- Provide the recommended room number or hallway location to students)

**Air Horn (1 Long Blast) and Face to Face All Clear (INTRUDER/HOSTAGE):**
Ensure door is closed, locked and lights turned off. If your door will not lock, move some tables and chairs in front of the door quickly. Move immediately to the rear of the room away from the door and sit on the floor- out of sight if possible. Remain calm and quiet and do not respond to any inquiries at the door unless you have been given the "All Clear" and a member of law enforcement or your campus Emergency Management Team member makes face-to-face contact at your door.

**Classroom Locked-door Policy:**
In order to adhere to MSCC Emergency Preparedness Policy and to facilitate effective classroom management, the classroom door will remain closed and locked for the duration of the class period.

**Instructor Policies:**

**Attendance:** Attendance and success in this class are directly linked. Class lectures will introduce material, but the primary focus of the class is discussion. Therefore, you are expected to attend class regularly. Attendance will be documented at each class meeting. Attendance and participation in class and online discussions will be used as factors in determining your grade for this class. Five points will be deducted from your final average for the third absence and each one thereafter. Missing six or more class meetings will result in a grade of “FA” (failing due to absences) for this class. If extenuating circumstances can be document a grade of “I” (incomplete) may be considered. If granted, all work must be completed by midterm of Spring semester 2017 or the “I” will revert to an “F.”

**Tardiness:** You are expected to be in class ready to learn on time. If attendance has been documented before you arrive, it is your responsibility to ensure that the record reflects a tardy rather than an absence. Recorded tardiness will accumulate and be counted as an absence. The classroom door will close at approximately ten minutes past beginning class times. When the door is closed, do not disturb the class.

**Classroom Etiquette:** Inattentive behavior such as texting, sleeping, or participating in private conversations will not be tolerated. Civility will be maintained in the classroom at all times. Discussions will be polite and professional at all times even when disagreeing. Personal effects should be contained.
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Electronic Devices: All cell phones must be silenced during class. If you must take a call, leave the classroom to answer and return to class with as little disruption as possible. This is considered an exception, not an everyday occurrence. There will be no texting during class time. Being caught texting during class will result in being marked absent for the class meeting. Computers are not required for this course; use of computers for note taking is allowed—provided that it does not become a disruption for the class.

Grades: The instructor’s grade book is the official record for all assignments and grades. Assignments/exams will be returned in a timely fashion. Students should record and keep up with their grades as the semester progresses. Graded assignments not claimed will be kept until mid-term of the following semester before being destroyed.

Privacy Statement: No lectures will be recorded in any form without the consent of the instructor.

Miscellaneous:
- Students are not allowed to bring children to class.
- No food is allowed in class.
- No tobacco products or e-cigarettes allowed in class.

Educational Technology:

Accessing Campus Computers or the MSCC Library from off Campus:
Your Username format is your First Initial, Last Name and Month and Day Birthday in the Format of MMDD. Example: Marcia Smith born on April 11, 1992 - Username: msmith0411. Your Pin will be the numeric pin you created when you initially applied to Motlow College.

Using D2L:
For help with D2L including how to submit materials to a Dropbox (http://www.mscc.edu/techtube.aspx)

Technical Support/Assistance:
Students having problems logging into a course, timing out of a course, using course web site tools, or any other technical problems, should contact the MSCC Technology Help Desk at 931-393-1510 or toll free 1-800-654-4877, Ext. #1510 (or d2lhelp@mscc.edu)

Disability Services/Accommodations:
Motlow College is committed to meeting the needs of qualified students with disabilities by providing equal access to educational opportunities, programs, and activities in the most integrated setting appropriate. This commitment is consistent with the College’s obligations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Together, these laws prohibit discrimination against qualified persons with disabilities. To this end, the Director of Disability Services for Motlow College coordinates services and serves as an advocate and liaison for students with disabilities attending Motlow College. Contact the Director of Disability Services (http://www.mscc.edu/disability/index.aspx).

Students with disabilities who would need assistance in an emergency evacuation should self-disclose that need to the instructor no later than the second day of class or second group meeting.
Confidentiality of Student Records:
The education records of current and former students at Motlow State Community College are maintained as confidential records pursuant to The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 as amended. For further information, see MSCC Policy No. 3:02:03:00.

Student Success:
Tutoring:
MSCC Instructors can guide students to specific resources regarding Tutoring in their discipline. In particular, students may find help with Math and Essay Writing via each campus’ Learning Support labs. Students should contact the labs on their campus to schedule appointments for help. For additional help, see the Student Success page (http://www.mscc.edu/student_success/index.aspx).

Academic Advisement:
MSCC Instructors can guide students to specific resources regarding Advisement. For additional help, see the Academic Advisement page (http://www.mscc.edu/advisement/index.aspx).