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General Syllabus

GEOG 2753H World Regional Geography (Honors)

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Prerequisite(s): HONR 1101 Introduction to Honors International Studies

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Examines the countries of the world, focusing on regional geographical factors which have influenced the direction and extent of their development. Includes scholarly analysis of the geographical factors underlying international relations and guiding political interactions, both past and present.

B. Additional Information

Application of geopolitical structure and theories to current events in each of the world's major geographic regions. Course satisfies three credit hours of Social Sciences in the general education core.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Define geopolitics
2. Describe the history of geopolitics
3. Describe current and past world orders
4. Describe the basic geopolitical structure of each of the major world regions
5. Analyze and discuss the geopolitics of current events

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills

Students will access and evaluate appropriate information through written and electronic means. Students will think critically to reach viable solutions to a problem and assess and justify those solutions.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will participate in various forms of communication including leading class discussions, writing formal and informal papers and giving formal and informal presentations.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will identify ethical dilemmas and affected parties. Students will apply viable alternate courses of action and make and justify recommendations for successful resolution of ethical dilemmas.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will apply geopolitical analysis to all regions of the globe; the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Oceania.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Stages of modern geopolitics
- B. Geopolitical structure and theory
- C. Cold War world order
- D. Post-Cold War world order
- E. War on terror – new world order?
- F. Natural resources and non-material human resources
- G. Borders and boundaries
- H. Global connections (both tangible and intangible)
- I. Geopolitical forces of separation, attraction and integration