

# GEG 100 ONLINE!

## Cultural Geography

### SYLLABUS - SUMMER 2010

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## TWO SECTIONS

These web pages will be used by two different class sections: GEG 100-W01 (8 weeks) and GEG 100-W80 (5 weeks).

## ORIENTATION

The orientation for GEG 100-W01 is Wednesday, 6/9, 5:00-6:15 p.m. in room J-153.

The orientation for GEG 100-W80 is Wednesday, 6/30, 5:00-6:15 p.m. in room J-153.

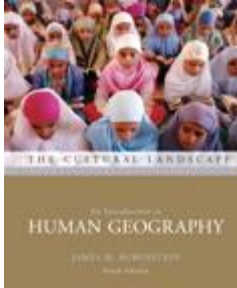
The orientation is optional. All the information is available online on this syllabus and on the orientation webpage at: [ORIENTATION](#)

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## TEXTBOOK / REQUIRED MATERIALS

**Required:**



**The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography 9/e,**  
McGraw-Hill, by James Rubenstein, Pearson/Prentice-Hall, 2008

- Textbooks can be bought at the Harper College bookstore (L building) or online at: <http://www.harperstore.com>



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## **BLACKBOARD**

- Go to <http://harper.blackboard.com>
- Follow the instructions to "log-in",
  - If you need help go to the Blackboard link above and see "Student Information".
  - After you log in you should see "GEG 100 W01 CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY (Summer 2010)" or "GEG 100 W80 CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY (Summer 2010)" If you do not, please e-mail the instructor at [mhealy@harpercollege.edu](mailto:mhealy@harpercollege.edu)

## **E-MAIL**

### **Option to Forward Mail from your Harper Email Account**

If you are not planning on using your Harper email account, please view the instructions on how to forward that account to one you check frequently. Visit <http://harper.blackboard.com> and check out "How do I forward my Harper email?" in the "Getting Started with Blackboard" area.

Students are responsible for information provided via their Harper e-mail account. If you do not plan to check it periodically, then forward it to an account that you do check.

## **DISCUSSION BOARD**

**- Be sure you "subscribe" to the STUDENT QUESTIONS thread -**

- Use the Discussion Forum any question which might be of use to other students - like asking a question in class. Do not ask such questions via e-mail. If you use the Discussion Board everyone can "hear" the answer.
- Since we do not use the discussion board a lot, **it is strongly suggested that you SUBSCRIBE to the discussion board thread** so that you get an e-mail whenever a new message is posted. Just click on the "Discussion Board" link, click on "STUDENT QUESTIONS", then click on the "Subscribe" button.

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

### **NOTE:**

- **Chapters may be only partial, or they may include pages from other chapters.**
- **The exact reading assignments can be found on the Blackboard "ASSIGNMENTS: BEGIN HERE" link.**

#### Unit 1 - Introduction to Cultural Geography

- Chapter 1: Thinking Geographically
- Appendix: Maps, Patterns and Diffusion
- Chapter 2: Population
- Chapter 3: Migration

#### Unit 2 - Culture and Conflicts

- Chapter 7: Ethnicity
- Chapter 8: Political Geography
- Chapter 6: Religion
- Chapter 5: Language

#### Unit 3 - Economic Geography

- Chapter 9: Development
- Chapter 10: Agriculture
- Chapter 11: Industry
- Chapters 12 and 13: Services and Urban Patterns

## **GRADING**

3 unit exams at 50 points each	150
Cumulative final exam at 100 points	100
12 "required activities" at 3 points each	36
12 "quick questions" at 2 points each	24

5 map quizzes at 10 points each

50

TOTAL: 360

**Letter grades: 90%=A, 80%=B, 70%=C, 60%=D, below 60%=F**

## EXAMS

All exams will be taken on the Harper campus in the Assessment Center, Student and Administration Center, room A-148, phone 847-925-6541 [see: [Assessment Center hours](#)]. Exams should be taken during the week noted on the class [schedule](#). The exams will be taken on the computer through our Blackboard site. You will need to log in to your account to take the exam.

Each unit exam has 50 multiple choice questions. **Each unit exam can be taken twice (the second exam will have different questions) and only the higher score will be included in the gradebook.**

Exams will be based on material found on the Blackboard "ASSIGNMENTS: BEGIN HERE" link including the online videos, the web links, the instructor notes, and the assigned textbook and other readings. Use the Blackboard Discussion Board if you have questions.

## MAP QUIZZES

All map quizzes will be taken on the Harper campus in the Student and Administration Center, room A-148, phone 847-925-6541 [see: [Assessment Center hours](#)]. Map quizzes must be taken by the date listed on the class schedule below.

For each map quiz students will be required to name countries numbered on a blank outline map of the region. Map quiz locations, blank and labeled maps, and an online map quiz tutorial can be found on the "Map Quiz Information" Blackboard link.

## REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

For each chapter you will need to complete the online "Required Activity". These can be found on Blackboard under the ASSIGNMENTS - BEGIN HERE link. The Required Activity for each chapter are worth three points each. You can do them as many times as you wish and only the highest score will be recorded. Most Required Activities are twenty multiple choice questions.

## QUICK QUIZZES

For each chapter you will need to complete the online "Quick Quiz". These can be found on Blackboard under the ASSIGNMENTS - BEGIN HERE link. The Quick

Quizzes for each chapter are worth two points each. The "Quick Questions" can be done only once. Each Quick Question will require you to go to a website to gather information or watch a short video..

## **MAKE-UP / LATE POLICY**

### **Weekly Required Activities:**

Found on our Blackboard site. Click on the "ASSIGNMENTS: BEGIN HERE" link. These can be redone as many times as you want. Only the highest score will count. BUT, I reserve the right to stop all "re-do"s if students are not completing them in a timely manner. Any deadline on "re-do"s will be announced on Blackboard and via e-mail.

### **Weekly Quick Questions:**

Found on our Blackboard site. Click on the "ASSIGNMENTS: BEGIN HERE" link. The "Quick Questions" can be done only once. Each "Quick Question" should be done the week it is assigned.

### **Exams and Map Quizzes:**

Exams and Map quizzes will be taken at the Harper Testing Center and they must be completed by the dates below.

Students will be allowed to take an exam at a later time other the scheduled week only IF:

1. the instructor is notified **BEFORE** the week the exam is scheduled AND
2. the student has a very good reason.

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## **COURSE OUTLINE / SCHEDULE**

Before doing any assignment, **FIRST** go the "ASSIGNMENTS: BEGIN HERE" link on Blackboard. Chapters may be only partial, or they may include pages from other chapters. The exact reading assignments can be found on the "ASSIGNMENTS: BEGIN HERE" link.

### **LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM THE COURSE:**

- **GEG 100-W01 (8 week): Sunday, July 18**
- **GEG 100-W80 (5 week): Sunday, July 25**

- **UNIT 1 - should be finished on, or before:**
  - **GEG 100-W01 (8 week): Thursday, 6/24, or earlier**
  - **GEG 100-W80 (5 week): Thursday, 7/8, or earlier**
    - Chapters:
      - Week 1 - Chapter 1: Thinking Geographically
      - Week 2 - Appendix: Maps, Patterns and Diffusion
      - Week 3 - Chapter 2: Population
      - Week 4 - Chapter 3: Migration
    - 4 Weekly "required activities" (weeks 1-4)
    - 4 "Quick Questions" (weeks 1-4)
    - Map Quizzes 1 and 2
    - Exam 1
  
- **UNIT 2 - should be finished on, or before:**
  - **GEG 100-W01 (8 week): Thursday, 7/15, or earlier**
  - **GEG 100-W80 (5 week): Thursday, 7/22, or earlier**
    - Chapters:
      - Week 6 - Chapter 7: Ethnicity
      - Week 7 - Chapter 8: Political Geography
      - Week 8 - Chapter 6: Religion
      - Week 9 - Chapter 5: Language
    - 4 Weekly "required activities" (weeks 6-9)
    - 4 "Quick Questions" (weeks 6-9)
    - Map Quizzes 3 and 4
    - Exam 2
  
- **UNIT 3 - should be completed on, or before:**
  - **GEG 100-W01 (8 week): Thursday, 7/29, or earlier**
  - **GEG 100-W80 (5 week): Thursday, 7/29, or earlier**
    - Chapters:
      - Week 11 - Chapter 9: Development
      - Week 12 - Chapter 10: Agriculture
      - Week 13 - Chapter 11: Industry
      - Week 14 - Chapters 12 and 13: Services and Urban Patterns
    - 4 Weekly "required activities" (weeks 11-14)
    - 4 "Quick Questions" (weeks 11-14)
    - Map Quiz 5
    - Exam 3

- **Comprehensive (Cumulative) Final Exam, on, or before:**
  - **GEG 100-W01 (8 week): Thursday, 7/29**
  - **GEG 100-W80 (5 week): Thursday, 7/29**

**All material must be complete by Thursday, July 29.**

**NOTE: This outline/schedule may be changed!** All changes will be posted on Blackboard and announced via e-mail.