

## Elcamino College

### Human Geography (Geog 2)

#### Syllabus

fall 2009

**Mondays: 6:00pm-9:10**

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Geography by its nature is a spatial science. Geographers therefore study places in order to understand the location and distribution of people and objects in space. Geographers do so by asking two simple questions, “where” and “why?”

#### **Text Material:**

**An Introduction to Human Geography. *The Cultural Landscape*, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition**

**By James. M. Rubenstein**

#### **Course Objectives:**

Over the course of the semester students will be provided with information to enable them understand the cultural elements of geography.

At the end of the semester students will be able to:

1. Define geography and explain its importance in education
2. Think geographically
3. Understand the elements of population growth and why is population increasing at different rates in different countries
4. Explain why people migrate, where are migrants distributed and why do people migrate within a country
5. Define folk and popular culture, where do folk and popular culture originate and diffuse
6. Distinguish between language and dialects, why do people preserve local languages
7. Define what is religion? Where are religions distributed and why are religions distributed where they are
8. Define ethnicity and understand why do ethnicities clash?
9. Understand the concept of political geography
10. Understand what is Development

Dates	Topics	Chapter reading
8/31	Review of syllabus/ introduction to Geography	1
9/7	Labor Day (no classes)	
9/14	Population	2
9/21	Population QUIZ1	2
<b>9/28</b>	<b>Mid term 1/ Migration</b>	<b>2</b>
10/5	Migration	3
10/12	Folk and Popular culture	3
10/19	Folk and Popular culture/QUIZ 2	
10/26	<b>Midterm 2/ Language</b>	<b>5</b>
11/2	Language	5
11/9	Religion	6
11/16	Religion QUIZ 3	6
<b>11/23</b>	<b>Midterm 3/Ethnicity</b>	<b>6</b>
11/30	Ethnicity	6

12/7	DEVELOPMENT	8
12/14-18	finals	8

**P.S. I reserve the right to alter the reading, exams, and assignments to improve the quality of this course**

**Attendance**

Class attendance is mandatory. A student missing two weeks in a row or more than 20% of a course shall be automatically dropped, this is college policy. Be silent, and turn off your noise making devices. Do not interfere with the ability of others to hear or participate in class. Students who are absent or disruptive risks losing points on their final grade for poor class participation

**Grading system**

The point system will be used.

3 Midterm exams each 50x3 points	= 150
Finals examination	= 60
Positive class participation/attendance	= 20
Quiz 3x20	= 60
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>=290</b>