

GEOG - GEOGRAPHY

GEOG105 Introduction to Physical Geography

Credits 3

Registration Requirement: RD090 and WR090, or IECC201R and IECC201W; each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

This geography course explores the physical environment. The main focus is on the natural environmental processes that occur on the surface and near surface portions of our planet. General topics include the atmosphere, energy flow, weather and climate, water and soils, biogeography (plants and animals), biomes, land forms, plate tectonics, weathering, streams, glaciers, deserts and coastal processes. Cartography (map making), map interpretation and the effects of human modification of the environment (such as acid precipitation, ozone depletion, deforestation and desertification) are also discussed.

This course fulfills: Human Relations; Social Science

GEOG106 Introduction to World Regional Geography

Credits 3

Registration Requirement: RD090 and WR090, or IECC201R and IECC201W; each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

This course explores the various realms of the world. Realms are the largest areas into which our planet can be divided. The difference between these realms is examined in terms of both the natural environment and the cultural characteristics of each of these unique sections of our planet. Issues relating to human modification of the natural environment, politics, economics and poverty are emphasized. Regions that are normally explored include North America, Middle America, South America, Europe, Russia and the former Soviet Republics, North Africa and Southwest Asia (including the Middle East), South Africa, South Asia, East Asia, Southeast Asia, Australia and the Pacific as well as Antarctica and international waters.

This course fulfills: Cultural Literacy; Human Relations; Social Science

GEOG107 Introduction to Cultural Geography

Credits 3

Registration Requirement: RD090 and WR090, or IECC201R and IECC201W; each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

Cultural geography focuses on all aspects of human life on our planet. Topics generally include culture, language, religion, economics, development, transportation, political organization, urban systems, the cultural landscape, energy resources and the relationship between humans and the natural environment. Emphasis is placed on North America but other cultural perspectives are also considered.

This course fulfills: Cultural Literacy; Human Relations; Social Science

GEOG202 The Geography of Europe

Credits 3

Registration Requirement: RD090 and WR090, or IECC201R and IECC201W; each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels. This course explores Europe from the geographical perspective. General topics include the history, culture, economics, international trade links, politics, international relations, transportation systems, pollution and natural environments and hazards of the western portion of Eurasia. Specific topics include the processes involved in the creation of the European Union, the devolutionary factors at work against the European Union and the past and present European urban system.

This course fulfills: Cultural Literacy; Human Relations; Social Science

GEOG206 Geography of Oregon

Credits 3

Registration Requirement: RD090 and WR090, or IECC201R and IECC201W; each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

This course explores the state from a geographical perspective that focuses upon where things are, what they are made of, why they are there and what their future is likely to be. Course topics include the history, culture, economics, politics, international trade links, transportation systems and natural environments of the state of Oregon. A portion of the class is also dedicated exclusively to Portland and its surrounding communities, which is the largest urban area in the state and a very important regional urban center.

This course fulfills: Cultural Literacy; Human Relations; Social Science

GEOG208 The Geography of the U.S. and Canada

Credits 3

Registration Requirement: RD090 and WR090, or IECC201R and IECC201W; each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

This is an area studies course covering the United States and Canada, which approaches things from a geographic perspective. That perspective explores what the region is like at present, asks how it came to be that way and what it may look like in the future. This class provides the student with information regarding the physical and cultural geography of the northern portion of North America. Specific topics include the history of the region, NAFTA, immigration and current political and environmental concerns.

GEOG209 Geography of the Middle East and North Africa

Credits 3

Registration Requirement: RD090 and WR090, or IECC201R and IECC201W; each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

The class explores the Middle East and North Africa from the geographical perspective. Included topics are the history, culture, economics, international trade links, politics, international relations, transportation systems, pollution and natural environments, and hazards of this important part of our world. Specific topics: the physical geography of the area and its environmental challenges, conflict in the area, issues related to resources such as water and oil, and the potential for peace in the region.

This course fulfills: Cultural Literacy; Human Relations; Social Science

GEOG214 Geography of Mexico and Central America 🌐

Credits 3

Registration Requirement: RD090 and WR090, or IECC201R and IECC201W; each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

This course explores Mexico and Central America as well as the Caribbean from a geographical perspective including what things are like in a particular area, how they came to be that way and what the future of that area is likely to be. Topics include history, culture, economics, trade, politics, international relations, transportation, pollution, natural hazards and climate of this neighboring portion of our world. Specific discussions include the territorial contraction of Old Mexico, the US-Mexican War, recent conflicts in Central America, Liberation Theology, illegal immigration and drug smuggling into the United States, the development and subsequent decline of maquiladoras in Northern Mexico and NAFTA. Offered at irregular intervals. **This course fulfills:** Cultural Literacy; Social Science

GEOG265 Introduction of Geographic Information Systems

Credits 3

Registration Requirement: CIS120L; or instructor consent.

This course covers the fundamentals of how to manage, manipulate and display spatially referenced data for land-use planning and decision making. Students work with GIS software applications. This course is also offered as FT228. Students may not receive credit for both GEOG265 and FT228.

Additional Course Fee: \$15.00

GEOG270 Criminology and the Geography of Crime

Credits 3

Registration Requirement: RD090 and WR090, or IECC201R and IECC201W; each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

This course is designed to give students a deeper understanding of criminal behavior and the interactions between human beings and the environment as it relates to unlawful behavior and victimization. Topics include discussions relating to basic criminological theories as well as the geography of crime, defensible space theory, broken windows theory and routine activities theory, among others. This course is also taught as CJA270. The student may receive credit as GEOG270 or CJA270, but not both.

GEOG290 Environmental Problems and Restoration

Credits 3

Registration Requirement: RD090 and WR090, or IECC201R and IECC201W; each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

This course is an introduction to the natural environment and the problems associated with the presence and activities of human beings on earth. The basic principles of ecological science are introduced as is an exploration of environmental ethics, philosophy and politics. Environmental degradation and solutions to it are a key focus. **This course fulfills:** Human Relations; Social Science

GEOG298 Independent Study - Reading and Conference: Geography

Credits 3

Registration Requirement: RD090 and WR090, or IECC201R and IECC201W; and MTH020; each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

This course focuses on a more in-depth study of a geographic topic through reading a book or a series of shorter publications on the subject at hand. The student will meet with the instructor three times during the course of the term to discuss his or her progress. The student will also write a term paper describing the main themes of assigned reading(s) and the student's own evaluation of the book or articles.

Course fees are subject to change. Additional section fees (web, hybrid, etc.) may apply.

- ★ Course offered online
- 🌐 Cultural Literacy course