

San José State University
Department of Geography & Global Studies
GEOG 10, Cultural Geography, Section 80, Fall, 2017

Course and Contact Information

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Classroom:	Online
Prerequisites:	None
GE/SJSU Studies Category:	D1 – Human Behavior
Course Fees:	None

Course Format

This course is conducted completely online using Canvas and Pearson Mastering Geography.

Faculty Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, and grades can be found on the Canvas learning management system course website:
<http://www.sjsu.edu/at/ec/canvas/>.

Course Description

The human population studied through the perspective of cultural groups, their institutions and geographic distributions, how different people occupy, use, and modify their environment, and the interaction of individuals from one group with those of another.

Learning Outcomes and Course Goals

GE Learning Outcomes (GELO)

Objective 1: Identify and analyze the social dimension of society as a context for human life, the processes of social change and social continuity, the role of human agency in those social processes, and the forces that engender social cohesion and fragmentation.

Assignment application: Out of class essay assignments and in-class exam questions (short answer and multiple choice).

Objective 2: Place contemporary developments in cultural, historical, environmental, and spatial contexts.

Assignment application: Out of class essay assignments and in-class exam questions (short answer and multiple choice).

Objective 3: Identify the dynamics of ethnic, cultural, gender/sexual, age-based, class, regional, national, transnational, and global identities and the similarities, differences, linkages, and interactions between them.

Assignment application: Out of class essay assignments and in-class exam questions (short answer and multiple choice).

Objective 4: Evaluate social science information, draw on different points of view, and formulate applications appropriate to contemporary social issues.

Assignment application: Out of class essay assignments and in-class exam questions (short answer and multiple choice).

Objective 5: Compare and contrast two or more ethnic groups, cultures, regions, nations, or social systems. *Assignment application: Out of class essay assignments and in-class exam questions (short answer and multiple choice).*

Required Texts/Readings

Title: The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography

Author: James Rubenstein

ISBN-13: 978-0134206233

Edition: 12th

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Subscription to Mastering Geography Online:

<http://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/masteringgeography/>

Websites: This course is integrated with the Canvas learning environment and Mastering Geography website. These password-driven websites allow student access to course material. The subscription to Mastering Geography is required and will be an additional cost.

Course Requirements and Assignments

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on. More details about student workload can be found in [University Policy S12-3](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf>.

Grading Policy

Assignments (15 x 15 pts)	225 points
Map Assignments (15 x 5 pts)	75 points
Quizzes (15 x 10 pts)	150 points
Midterm Exams (2 x 150 pts)	300 points
Final Exam (not cumulative)	150 points
Class Participation	100 points
Total points available	1000 points

Percentage	Total Points	Letter Grade
95-100%	950-500	A
90-94%	900- 949	A-
87-89 %	870-899	B+
83-86%	830-869	B
80-82%	800-829	B-
77-79 %	770-799	C+
73-76%	730-769	C
70-72%	700-729	C-
65-69%	650-699	D+
60-64%	600-649	D
Less than 60 %	Less than 600	F

Course Structure: The course is organized into 3 **SECTIONS**, each composed of 5 **UNITS**. Each Unit extends over one semester week (shorter for Winter or Summer sessions) and contains four graded components: a discussion, a quiz, a map assignment, and a unit assignment. Each section extends over 5 semester weeks (shorter for Winter or Summer sessions) and will be accompanied by an exam. **Please note that units do not correlate with chapters in the text.** The required readings for each unit will be posted on the reading schedule.

Quizzes: There will be 15 quizzes, one for each unit. These will be open note and open textbook. The quiz may be taken anytime during the allotted time window. Once the quiz is started, you will only have 15 minutes to finish. The questions and time constraints are designed to encourage retention of course material. You will not have enough time to look up each answer in the text or notes. Quizzes can be submitted late for 1/2 credit. These will be conducting on the Mastering Geography website.

Unit Assignments: There will be 15 unit assignments. They are worth 15 points each (225 points total). They will consist of a variety of online computer work, including Google Earth, dynamic animation, map, and video assignments. Late work will be accepted for 1/2 credit. These will be conducting on the Mastering Geography website.

Map Assignments: There will be 15 unit map assignments. They are worth 5 points each (75 points total). They will consist of properly locating geographic locations in various world regions. Late work will be accepted for 1/2 credit. These will be conducting on the Mastering Geography website.

Midterm Exams: There will be two midterm exams. Each will be worth 15% of your final grade. They will come in two parts. The format of the first part will be will include 50 multiple choice questions and you will have 60 minutes. The format of the second part will include 5 short answer questions and you will have 40 minutes. These will be open note and open textbook. Both parts of the exam must be taken during the established time slot, but they do not have to be taken one right after the other. Check the Calendar for these times. The questions and time constraints are designed to encourage retention of course material. You will not have enough time to look up each answer in the text or notes. Make ups may be given at the instructors approval. These will be conducting on the Mastering Geography website.

Final Exam: The final exam will follow the same format as the midterm exams and **will not be cumulative**. It will only cover the last section. There are no make-ups.

Discussion Topics (Attendance): Attendance is not graded, but participation on the discussion board accounts for 10% of your grade. There will be 15 discussion topics, one for each unit. You are expected to make original, productive comments on each discussion topic. For full credit, you must respond to the original topic AND respond to at least one peer comment. These will be conducting on the Canvas website.

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>

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Fall, 2017, Course Schedule

This schedule is subject to change with fair notice.

Course Schedule

Geography 2: Cultural Geography Schedule

Wk	Date	Unit	Reading
1	8/23 – 9/3	1 – Intro to Geography	Rubenstein - Ch 1
2	9/4 – 9/10	2 – Portraying the Earth	Rubenstein - Ch 1
3	9/11 – 9/17	3 – Population and Health	Rubenstein - Ch 2
4	9/18 – 9/24	4 – Migration	Rubenstein - Ch 3
5	9/25 – 10/1	5 – Folk and Popular Culture	Rubenstein - Ch 4
	9/29 – 10/2	Midterm Exam #1	Rubenstein – 1-4
6	10/2 – 10/8	6 – Language	Rubenstein - Ch 5
7	10/9 – 10/15	7 – Religion	Rubenstein - Ch 6
8	10/16 – 10/22	8 – Religion	Rubenstein - Ch 6
9	10/23 – 10/29	9 – Ethnicities	Rubenstein - Ch 7
10	10/30 – 11/5	10 – Political Geography	Rubenstein - Ch 8
	11/3 – 11/6	Midterm Exam #2	Rubenstein - Ch 5-8
11	11/6 – 11/12	11 – Development	Rubenstein - Ch 9
12	11/13 – 11/19	12 – Food and Agriculture	Rubenstein - Ch 10
13	11/20 – 11/26	13 – Industry and Manufacturing	Rubenstein - Ch 11
14	11/27 – 12/3	14 – Services and Settlements	Rubenstein - Ch 12
15	12/4 – 12/10	15 – Urban Patterns	Rubenstein - Ch 13
	12/11 – 12/19	Final Exam	Rubenstein – Ch9-13