

San José State University
Department of Urban and Regional Planning
Geography 10: Cultural Geography, Section 80, Summer, 2020

Course and Contact Information

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Office Hours:	Tuesdays 2:00pm-3:00pm, or by appointment
Class Days/Time:	Asynchronous
Classroom:	Online through Canvas https://sjsu.instructure.com/
Prerequisites:	None
GE/SJSU Studies Category:	D1 – Human Behavior
Course Fees:	None
Credits	3

Course Format

This course is an online-only course. No in-person class meetings are required. Access to a computer with a reliable Internet connection as well as a word processing program (such as MS Word) are required. The course is through both the Canvas learning management system and the textbook publisher MacMillan's Sapling Plus web portal. Information about Canvas, including links to log-in are here: <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 and in-class quiz questions.

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

Assignment application: Out of class essay and in-class quiz questions.

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 and in-class quiz questions.

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 and in-class quiz questions.

Objective 5: Compare and contrast two or more ethnic groups, cultures, regions, nations, or social systems.

Assignment application: Out of class essay and in-class quiz questions.

Required Texts/Readings

Title: *Contemporary Human Geography: Culture, Globalization, Landscape*

Authors: Roderick P. Neumann and Patricia L. Price

Edition: 2nd (2019) **AND** MacMillan's online **SaplingPlus** is required (ISBN 9781319059842):

<https://store.macmillanlearning.com/us/product/Contemporary-Human-Geography/p/1319059813>

Note: MacMillan's SaplingPlus package includes the ebook version of our textbook *Contemporary Human Geography (CHG)*, for a total price of \$89.99 (this is the recommended package)

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, including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, etc. 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 Information

Homework			101 points	17%
Short Chapter Quizzes:			406 points	68%
Reading Quizzes	183 pts			
Story Map Quizzes	126 pts			
Video Quizzes	97 pts			
Short Research Paper			93 points	15%
TOTAL:			600 points	100%

Grading Policy

Percentage	Letter Grade
94-100%	A
90-93%	A-
87-89 %	B+
83-86%	B
80-82%	B-
77-79 %	C+
73-76%	C
70-72%	C-
65-69%	D+
60-64%	D
Less than 60 %	F

Homework Assignments

Because this is a condensed summer class, frequent small assignments will ensure that students are keeping up progress with readings and comprehension of the material. Each chapter will have approximately about 6-12 homework questions, via Canvas/Sapling (mostly multiple choice and map-based). Note: we will only be covering a small portion of Chapters 4 and 7 (as indicated in the schedule below). Assignments and Quizzes will be available online no more than 2 weeks prior to their due dates.

Short Quizzes & (No) Exams

Similar to the regular homework questions for each chapter, the class will also use regular short quizzes for each chapter to ensure progress and comprehension over the rapid time frame for the class. Consequently, there will be no Mid-Term or Final Exams.

The short quiz questions will be clear and straight forward, directly based on the textbook, without any tricks or surprises, and mostly multiple choice. For each chapter, the quizzes will include a short Reading quiz, as well as quizzes on Story Maps and Videos, which provide alternative and engaging materials for students to interact with. Most quizzes have approximately about 10-15 questions (sometimes more, sometimes less).

Final Research Paper

A research paper of a minimum of 1500 words is required for this course due by August 7th at 12:00pm (noon). It is a written document with a photo, map and references to be submitted through Canvas learning management system for a maximum of 93 points. The topic, as well as complete instructions and guidelines will be posted in the online classroom at least 3 weeks prior to the due date.

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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Summer, 2020, Course Schedule

*This schedule is subject to change with fair notice.
Due times are 11:59PM unless otherwise specified.*

Course Schedule

Week	Dates	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	Mon, 7/6	Intro and Syllabus
1	Sun, 7/12	Introduction to Geography - Reading: CHG Chapter 1 Due: Ch1 Homework & Reading, Story Map and Video Quizzes Framework (RMGNL) - Reading: CHG Chapter 2 Due: Ch2 Homework & Reading, Story Map and Video Quizzes
2	Weds, 7/15	Population - Reading: CHG Chapter 3 Due: Ch3 Homework & Reading, Story Map and Video Quizzes
2	Sun, 7/19	Language - Reading: CHG only <u>part</u> of Chapter 4 (only the short section on Toponyms) Due: Ch4 Homework (Canvas) & Reading, Story Map and Video Quizzes Race & Ethnicity – Reading CHG Chapter 5 Due: Ch5 Homework & Reading, Story Map and Video Quizzes
3	Weds, 7/22	Politics - Reading: CHG Chapter 6 Due: Ch6 Homework & Reading, Story Map and Video Quizzes Religion - Reading: CHG, only <u>part</u> of Chapter 7 (only up until the section on Globalization) Due: Ch7 Homework & Reading & Story Map Quizzes
3	Sun, 7/26	Agriculture & Food - Reading: CHG Chapter 8 Due: Ch8 Homework & Reading, Story Map and Video Quizzes
4	Weds, 7/29	International Development - Reading: CHG Chapter 9 Due: Ch9 Homework & Reading, Story Map and Video Quizzes
4	Sun, 8/2	Urban Geography - Reading: CHG Chapter 10 Due: Ch10 Homework & Reading, Story Map and Video Quizzes
5	Fri, 8/7	Due: Final Research Paper (12:00PM noon)