

Geography 1 COURSE OUTLINE**Texts: Mc Knight, T. L., Physical Geography, 9th. Ed., Prentice. Hall****Recommended: Any Good World Atlas**

There will be three examinations including the final. Hourly exams will be given when lecture material is completed to the point listed below. At least one week's notice will be given prior to the date of an examination.

An Audio-Tutorial Map reading series (or Geography 3A) is required to be taken and satisfactorily completed by all students in Geography. The fifth session is a graded test.

See over for details.

Class**Class Outline****Session****Number****Title****Reading Assignment**

1.	Introduction to Geography	pp. 1-6
2.	Site and Situation: Our Place in the Universe	pp. 6-10
3.	Latitude and Longitude	pp. 10-18
4.	Cartography What's a Map?	pp. 29-53
5.	Map Projections	
6.	Cadastral Systems: What's a Day, The Calendar	Lecture Only
7.	The Seasons	pp. 18-28
8.	Time, Moon and Tides	pp. 267-270
9.	The Atmosphere, Lapse Rates, air pollution.	*Ch. 3 and 4
End of Material for First Test.		
10.	The Electromagnetic Spectrum	*Ch. 3 and 4
11.	First Test (Lectures 1-9) Parscore Form F-3652-ERI Required	
12.	Refraction, Scattering, Albedo, Absorption)	
13.	Energy Budget	
14.	Gas Laws and Primary Winds	Ch. 5 and 6
15.	Second Order Winds, the Monsoons	
16.	Third Order (Local) Winds	
17.	Water in the Air, Clouds, Precipitation	
18.	The Extra- Tropical Cyclone	Ch. 7
19.	Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones, Tornadoes	
End of Material for 2nd Test		
20.	Climate History and Classification (Koppen A-C)	Ch. 8,*10,*11
21.	Second Test (Lectures 10 - 19) Parscore Form Required	pp. 214-215
22.	(Koppen D-E), Soil & Water Balance, Hydrologic Cycle	*Ch. 9 pp. 261-266,280-287
23.	Soils	pp. 358-372; *Ch.12
24.	Plate Tectonics, Mountain Building	pp. 387-402, 413-454
25.	Weathering and Water Caused Landforms	*Ch. 15 and 16
26.	Water Continued, Introduction to Glaciers	
27.	Glacial Landforms, Marine Landforms	*Ch. 19
28.	Wind Landforms and The Biotic Environment and Pollution	pp. 538-553 *Ch. 20

Final Exam: Lectures 20 - 28 (Finals Week)

* You are only responsible for parts relevant to class lecture

MAP READING Outside Assignment

You are asked to go to the Library front desk. There you can check out a video (or DVD) lesson, maps and an exercise sheet for each of five map reading lessons.

1. Listen to the video for each exercise
2. Fill out the exercise worksheet
3. Then check the key (available at the loan desk) to determine if our results agree.
4. If you find a discrepancy, first check the map to see if you have overlooked the correct response. Should you still have a question about the map, please see me during an office hour or after class.
5. **The fifth lesson is a test, which will be graded.** The points earned will be part of your final grade (roughly equal to 1/7th of total possible points). **Grading Policy:** There are 50 questions worth 1 point each. A score of 45+= A, 40- 44 = B, 35-39=C, 30-34=D. You are asked to turn in your work on Exercise 4 (the Profile) **when you take your exam** in the Library. Exercise 4 will be graded as follows: Turn in original page with correct profile = 2 points. Error in profile or method = 1 point. Fail to turn in Exercise = 0 points. These will be added to your total score.

Since there are a large number of students in other classes who need to learn map reading, you are asked to complete the series by the **tenth week** of the semester. To encourage prompt and early completion of this assignment please note that there will be:

A 5 Point **bonus** if you take the Map Test no Later than the end of the Fifth week ;

No bonus if you take the Map Test from the Fifth through the end of the Tenth week;

A 5 point **penalty** will be assessed after the Tenth week of the semester.

The **Last day to receive any credit** is the **Friday before final examinations begin.**
Note: missing this last due date means that you will receive **no points** for Map Reading, putting you at a 50 point disadvantage over the rest of the class in determining your final grade. You may do this assignment whenever the Library is open during the semester.

Special Note: Many learning disabilities are not apparent to others. I will make any reasonable accommodation to assist you in learning the material, but I must be aware of your need. If you need extra time on examinations or etc., please phone **DSS at (X6379).**

Classroom Decorum:

In order to provide to all students the best possible learning environment, please observe the following:

1. **Be on time or sit in the back of the room when you come in.**
2. **If you must leave before the class ends, sit in the back near the door.**
3. **Do not talk or disturb others with private conversation during class.**
4. **Turn off all pagers and cell phones during class.**

Do:

Take notes. Ask questions.

Read your text (after all; it cost you more than your tuition!) Use the Library

Prepare one 3X5-inch card (2 sides) in your own handwriting for each exam.

Be attentive and mannerly towards the end of class.

Remove any coffee cups or other trash to the wastebasket after class

Geography I Grading Policy

Grades in Geography I are determined by **total** points earned, in the Map Reading Assignment and on each of three examinations in the classroom (**a curve will be established and published for each test based upon student performance**). There are no extra credit assignments to replace missing work. No grades are “dropped”. Missing work = 0 points. You may view grades on your web site. Choose GRADES on the Geography Home Page. The web address is on the top of page 1. By the date of the first test, each student will be given a personal 2 letter “code” for privacy in grading. The curve for each exam is the first four lines of the column.

Examinations There will be two hourly examinations and a non-comprehensive final. Hourly tests will be given during the normal class period when lecture material is completed to the point listed on the outline. You will have at least one week's notice prior to a test date. The final will be given at the time and date listed in the schedule of classes.

MAKE UP TESTS. If you miss an examination you must contact the Proctoring Center at 479.6369 and make an appointment to take the test. Make up exams must be completed before the next scheduled exam.

Each exam has a machine scored portion. You are asked to bring #2 pencils and a **Parscore** (8 1/2” X 11”) **orange in color**, available at the bookstore) to each exam. **No other forms are acceptable.**

Pretests are available to see and print **on the web site** at the address on the top of page 1.

Exam study sessions may be set. (On a voluntary basis) Study sessions will be held at a seminar room in the library. Times and dates will be arranged in class. Most of the examination material comes from the lecture sessions.

Grades:

- a) You may take this course on a credit/no credit basis or a letter grade. A letter grade will be assigned unless you request a CR/NCR option.
- b) **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DROP A COURSE IF YOU STOP ATTENDING.** Withdrawals (W) cannot be granted to any student who is enrolled in the class after 75% of the semester is completed. If, at the end of the semester you have **one** missing assignment, you may request an **INCOMPLETE**, but **only** by **request, in writing** before the date of **the final exam**. If you have **more than one** missing grade you will receive a grade of "NCR"(no credit).

ATTENDANCE:

A roll sheet will be passed around at most class sessions. You are asked to initial after your name. The initial means that you are in attendance and that you have received handouts (like this one). Attendance has no effect upon your grade. You are not required to be at each class, but you are responsible for the lecture material presented. **Mr. Balogh makes DVD's of lectures.** These DVD's are in the library and available to you if you miss a lecture or wish to hear it again. You must view a lecture in the library. You are expected to obtain any missed handouts from Mr. Balogh (there are bins in the back of Rm. 435 with extra handouts in them). Excessive absences (more than 4 class sessions) *may* result in an administrative withdrawal. **Compressed DVD lectures are available on iTunes University.**
<http://www.cabrillo.edu/itunesu/>