

Distance Learning Class<http://www.cabrillo.edu/academics/metgeo/>

TEXT: Miller & Hyslop, California The Geography of Diversity, 2nd ed., Mayfield Pub., 2000.

In addition I would recommend a good state map or an atlas of California. I will assume that if I mention a place in lecture you will become familiar with its location.

Class Outline

Lecture #	Title	Reading Assignment
1-2.	California Site and Situation	Chapter 1
UNIT I - The Stage - Physical Geography		
3-4.	Landforms	Chapter 2
5-6.	Climate	Chapter 4
7.	Soils	Lecture, index
8.	Natural Vegetation	Chapter 7
FIRST TEST Cut Off (Lectures 1-8)		
9.	Native Water	Chapter 5
10.	Natural Resources	Chapter 6
11.	First Test	
UNIT II. Cultural Geography		
12.	The Cultural Perspective	Lecture
13-17.	Sequent Occupance and the Historical Perspective.	Chapter 8
18.	Demography	pp. 11-25, Lecture
19-20.	Water From North to South	Chapter 5
SECOND TEST Cut Off (Lectures 9-20)		
21.	Agricultural California	Chapter 10
22.	Second Test	
23.	Metropolitan California	Chapter 11
24.	Recreation and Tourism	pp. 260 - 263, Lecture
UNIT III. Regional Geography's of California – Chapter 3		
25.	The Peninsular and The Transverse Ranges.	pp. 42-46, Lecture
26.	The Coast Ranges	pp. 49-51, Lecture
27.	The Klamath Mountains, S. Cascades, Modoc Plateau	pp. 52-55, Lecture
28.	The Great Basin & S. E. Deserts The Sierra Nevada	pp. 57-66, Lecture pp. 66-71, Lecture
29.	The Great Central Valley Paradise Lost?	pp. 73-78, Lecture Chapter 12, Lecture
FINAL EXAMINATION (Finals Week)		

**** MAP READING Outside Assignment (Required for Distance Learning Students)**

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.

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).**

Geography 5 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 may be taken at the Proctoring Center when you have completed listening to the lectures to the point listed on the outline. The final exam must be completed by the end of the semester.

Please phone the Proctoring Center at 479.6369 and make an appointment to take the test.

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.

Most of the examination material comes from the lecture sessions.
You May Prepare one 3X5-inch card (2 sides) in your own handwriting for each exam.

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:

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 or download them from the Geography Web Site. **Compressed DVD lectures are available on iTunes University.**

<http://www.cabrillo.edu/itunesu/>

****Accommodations can be made if you cannot come to the Aptos Campus to complete the Map Reading or take your tests at the Proctoring Center. Please email or phone Mr. Balogh for further information**