

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
College of Arts and Sciences
International Studies

TITLE of COURSE: Global Human Systems

COURSE #: GEO 2000/IS2000/AN2130 **DAY/TIME:** Online

YEAR: Fall 2018

PROFESSOR: Dr. Dennis Burin **CLASS LOCATION:** Completely Online

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OFFICE: NA **OFFICE HOURS:** NA

CREDITS: 4

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Introductory survey of the world-wide distribution, variation, and interconnections of cultural, economic and political systems. Basic concepts in the field of human geography and other social sciences, as relevant, are introduced as are techniques and tools used in carrying out and expressing geographic analysis. Identical with IS 200 AND AN 200. *Satisfies the university general education requirement in the global perspective knowledge exploration area.*

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Students will demonstrate knowledge of the environment, political systems, economics, societies and religions of one or more regions outside the United States and awareness of the transnational flow of goods, peoples, ideas and values
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of the role that different cultural heritages, past and present, play in forming values in another part of the world, enabling the student to function within a more global context

REQUIRED TEXT: *The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography* by James M. Rubenstein, 12th Edition, ISBN 10 0-134-20623-1 or ISBN 13: 978-0-134-20623-3

COURSE FORMAT: *Online*

ASSIGNMENTS: *Weekly online quizzes, discussion forums, video reviews, article review, term papers, creating PowerPoints*

GRADING SCALE:

A 94-100

A-90-93

B+87-89

B84-86

B-80-83

C+77-79

C74-76

C-70-73

D+67-69

D64-66

D-60-63

F59 and below

GRADING:

Weekly Online Quizzes 35%

Discussion Forum 20%

Misc. Weekly Assignments 35% (Article and Video Reviews, Creating PowerPoints)

Term Paper 10% (Details to be described in Moodle Announcement)

CLASS POLICIES:

- Late assignments will be marked down 1/3 of a grade for each day they are late (example: If you are one day late the assignment goes from an A to an A-, 2 days late from an A to a B+, 3 days late from an A to a B)
 - Online quizzes cannot be made up after the due date
 - The Discussion Forum assignments must be completed by the due date or you lose all credit for the Discussion Forum for that week.
1. **Academic conduct policy:** All members of the academic community at Oakland University are expected to practice and uphold standards of academic integrity and honesty. Academic integrity means representing oneself and one's work honestly. Misrepresentation is cheating since it means students are claiming credit for ideas or work not actually theirs and are thereby seeking a grade that is not actually earned. Following are some examples of academic dishonesty:
 - a. **Cheating on examinations.** This includes using materials such as books and/or notes when not authorized by the instructor, copying from someone else's paper, helping someone else copy work, substituting another's work as one's own, theft of exam copies, or other forms of misconduct on exams.

- b. **Plagiarizing the work of others.** Plagiarism is using someone else’s work or ideas without giving that person credit; by doing this students are, in effect, claiming credit for someone else’s thinking. Whether students have read or heard the information used, they must document the source of information. When dealing with written sources, a clear distinction should be made between quotations (which reproduce information from the source word-for-word within quotation marks) and paraphrases (which digest the source of information and produce it in the student’s own words). Both direct quotations and paraphrases must be documented. Even if students rephrase, condense or select from another person’s work, the ideas are still the other person’s, and failure to give credit constitutes misrepresentation of the student’s actual work and plagiarism of another’s ideas. Buying a paper or using information from the World Wide Web or Internet without attribution and handing it in as one’s own work is plagiarism.
 - c. **Cheating on lab reports** by falsifying data or submitting data not based on the student’s own work.
 - d. **Falsifying records** or providing misinformation regarding one’s credentials.
 - e. **Unauthorized collaboration** on computer assignments and unauthorized access to and use of computer programs, including modifying computer files created by others and representing that work as one’s own.
2. **Add/Drops:** The university policy will be explicitly followed. It is the student’s responsibility to be aware of deadline dates for dropping courses.
 3. **Special Considerations:** Students with disabilities who may require special accommodations should make an appointment with campus Disability Support Services, 106 North Foundation Hall, phone 248 370-3266. Students should also bring their needs to the attention of the instructor as soon as possible by providing the “Letter of Accommodations” created by DSS. For academic help, such as study and reading skills, contact the Academic Skills/Tutoring Center, 103 North Foundation Hall, phone 248 370-4215.
 4. **Excused Absence Policy:** This policy for university excused absences applies to participation as an athlete, manager or student trainer in NCAA intercollegiate competitions, or participation as a representative of Oakland University at academic events and artistic performances approved by the Provost or designee.
 Students shall inform their instructors of dates they will miss class due to an excused absence prior to the date of that anticipated absence. For activities such as athletic competitions whose schedules are known prior to the start of a term, students must provide their instructors during the first week of each term a written schedule showing days they expect to miss classes. For other university excused absences students must provide each instructor at the earliest possible time the dates that they will miss.

Make-up work

- It is the responsibility of the student to request from the instructor an opportunity to complete missed assignments, activities, labs, examinations or other course requirements in a timely manner.
- Students are responsible for all material covered in classes that they miss, even when their absences are excused, as defined above.
- Missed classroom activities will be rescheduled at the discretion of the instructor.

Sample Emergency Protocol (No. 10)

Emergency Preparedness

In the event of an emergency arising on campus, the instructor will notify you of actions that may be required to ensure your safety. It is the responsibility of each student to understand the evacuation and “lockdown” guidelines to follow when an emergency is declared. These simple steps are a good place to start:

- OU uses an emergency notification system through text, email, and landline. These notifications include campus closures, evacuation, lockdowns and other emergencies. **Register for these notifications at oakland.edu/uts/emergencynotification**
- Based on the **class cellphone policy**, ensure that one cellphone is on in order to receive and share emergency notifications with the instructor in class.
- If an emergency arises on campus, call the OUPD at **248-370-3331**. Save this number in your phone, and put it in an easy-to-find spot in your contacts.
- Review protocol for evacuation, lockdown, and other emergencies via the classroom's red books (hanging on the wall) and **oakland.edu/prepared**.
- Review with the instructor and class what to do in an emergency (evacuation, lockdown, snow emergency).

TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1: This is Geography

Week 2: Population and Health

Week 3: Migration

Week 4: Folk and Popular Culture

Week 5: Languages

Week 6: Religions

Week 7: Ethnicities

Week 8: Political Geography

Week 9: Food and Agriculture

Week 10: Development

Week 11: Industry and Energy

Week 12: Services and Settlements

Week 13: Urban Patterns

Week 14: Special Topics/Current Events in Global Human Systems

Week 15: Special Topics/Current Events in Global Human Systems

Note: The above schedule is subject to change at the instructor's discretion