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WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS

AND

INSTRUCTOR PLAN

WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY

GEOG 1303.80

Terri York

NOTE: This is an 8 week course.

COVID 19 Notice:

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals. We are also concerned for your safety. We are working through COVID-19 guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. This will include smaller class sizes to manage social distancing and proper cleaning techniques. You will have the advantage of a physical classroom experience but may also need to work part of the time online as we adjust to limited classroom capacity. This will also allow us the flexibility to move online if so directed by federal, state and/or local COVID 19 guidelines. Faculty and staff are preparing now to ensure that you have the best experience in the midst of these uncertain times.

Information:

Instructor Name: Terri York-Linz

MCC E-mail: tyork-linz@mclennan.edu

Office Phone Number: text through REMIND (Remind.com Code 27a7gd)

Office Location: online

Office/Teacher Conference Hours: online

Other Instruction Information: sign up for remind

Students need to check email and class announcements regularly

Required Text & Materials:

Title: The World Today: Concepts and Regions in Geography, Author: By : Harm de Blij, Peter O. Muller, Jan Nijman.

Edition: 7th/8th or latest Edition , ebook or hardcopy.

Publisher: Wiley

ISBN: 978-1-119-57767-6;

MCC Bookstore Website: <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

Course Outline or Schedule:

(Week 1) INTRODUCTIONS. Read syllabus,

(Week 2) Chapter 6: The North African/Southwest Asian Realm. Chapter 7: The Sub-Saharan African Realm Chapter 8: The South Asian Realm

(Week 3). Chapter 9: The East Asian Realm. Chapter 10: The Southeast Asian Realm Chapters 11-12: The Austral Realm

(Week 4) Africa/Asia profile. Religion Essay. Midterms. (Africa x 1, Asia x 2)

(Week 5) Chapter 4: The European Realm.

(Week 6) Chapter 5: Europe/Russia. UKRAINE PROFILE DUE

(WEEK 8) Exams 3 and 4 due.

******The instructor reserves the right to make changes to this schedule. Updates can be found in D2L.**

Course Grading Information:

Evaluation:

Grades will be based on four region exams, a project, a discussion/essay grade (religion paper), and a country profile grade (this is an average of 2 profiles).

Exams: Exams will be multiple choice. Study guides are posted for each unit exam. The information comes from your book. Power points are provided as well for you to search through for information. You may use your study guide on the 4 regional unit exams which are timed, multiple choice tests. These may be taken from home.

Country Profile:

The student will be responsible for analyzing 2 countries. A form will be provided for the student to use in the analysis. Countries will be assigned at the beginning of the semester and profiles are due on date posted in D2L.

Project/Movie Review: You will have the choice of creating art or a movie review . Details about each of these is located in Brightspace content area.

Grade Item	Type	Association	Max. Points	Weight
	Country Profiles▼			20
	Africa▼/Asia	Numeric	Dropbox ⓘ 100	
	Europe/Americas▼	Numeric	Dropbox ⓘ 100	
	Regional Exams▼			30
	Exam 1▼	Numeric	Quizzes ⓘ 100	25

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Exam 2▼	Numeric	Quizzes ⓘ	100	25
Exam 3▼	Numeric	Quizzes ⓘ	100	25
Exam 4▼	Numeric	Quizzes ⓘ	100	25
Religion Essay▼				25
Project/Movie Review▼				25

It is anticipated that seventy percent (70%) of students completing each of the core objectives will score seventy percent (70%) or higher on each assessment.

GRADING:

Final grades will be based on the standard percentage scale:

A = 90-100%

B = 80-89%

C = 70-79%

D = 60-69%

F = 0-59%

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

Class Policies:

You cannot make up work the last week of class.

Unless a qualified excuse is produced for having missed an exam, 10 POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM ALL MAKE-UPS so that the maximum grade attainable on a make-up is 90. If a student misses more than one exam, he/she may be dropped from the course. NO RETAKES ALLOWED except for technical issues.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

Students are expected to maintain a classroom environment that is conducive to learning.

This includes respect for other students and the instructor, prompt and regular attendance/participation, and an attitude that seeks to take full advantage of the education opportunity. Inappropriate or distracting behavior is prohibited.

* [Use this website for the MCC Academic Integrity Statement](http://www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity)

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The link above will provide you with information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

*** Use this website for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy**

<https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html>

Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have additional guidelines specific to this course.

**** You will need to access each link separately through your Web browser (for example: Mozilla Firefox, Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Safari) to print each link's information.***

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ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

Accommodations/ADA Statement:

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit www.mclennan.edu/disability.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

disabilities@mclennan.edu 254-299-
8122
Room 319, Student Services Center

Title IX:

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the acting Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling, Dr. Claudette Jackson, (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion/Title IX) at (254) 299-8465. MCC employees are mandatory reporters and must report incidents immediately to the Title IX Coordinator. Individuals may also contact the MCC Police Department at (254) 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>.

Go to McLennan's Title IX webpage at www.mclennan.edu/titleix/. It contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the

crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence.

Student Support/Resources:

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at <http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/>

Academic Support and Tutoring is here to help students with all their course-related needs. Specializing in one-on-one tutoring, developing study skills, and effectively writing essays. Academic Support and Tutoring can be found in the Library and main floor of the Learning Commons. This service is available to students in person or through Zoom from 7:30 am - 6:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 7:30 am - 5:00 pm on Friday. You can contact the Academic Support and Tutoring team via Zoom (<https://mclennan.zoom.us/j/2542998500>) or email (ast@mclennan.edu) during the above mentioned times.

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources or want to explore strategies for balancing life and school, we encourage you to contact either MCC CREW – Campus Resources Education Web by calling (254) 299-8561 or by emailing crew@mclennan.edu or a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu. Both are located in the Completion Center located on the second floor of the Student Services Center (SSC) which is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff. To schedule an appointment, go to https://mclennan.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_07byXd7eB8iTqJg. Both the Completion Center and Paulanne's Pantry are located on the second floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html> to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can be found at https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf.

MCC Academic Integrity Statement:

Go to www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity for information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace:

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty-andStaffCommons/requirements.html> for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

Minimum Technical Skills:

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

Backup Plan for Technology:

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be notified via your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

Email Policy:

McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy (<http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>) regarding college email. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses when conducting college business.

A student's McLennan email address is the preferred email address that college employees should use for official college information or business. Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails. For more information about your student email account, go to www.mclennan.edu/studentemail.

Instructional Uses of Email:

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with their students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

Email on Mobile Devices:

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails. If you need assistance with set-up, you may email Helpdesk@mclennan.edu for help.

You can find help on the McLennan website about connecting your McLennan email account to your mobile device:

- [Email Setup for iPhones and iPads](#)
- [Email Setup for Androids](#)

Forwarding Emails:

You may forward emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may be lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

For more helpful information about technology at MCC, go to [MCC's Tech Support Cheat Sheet](#) or email helpdesk@mclennan.edu.

Disclaimer:

The resources and policies listed above are merely for informational purposes and are subject to change without notice or obligation. The College reserves the right to change policies and other requirements in compliance with State and Federal laws. The provisions of this document do not constitute a contract.