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**Course Syllabus**

**Geography 1303**

CRN# 81356

**Class Days:** Mondays and Wednesdays

**Class Times:** 11:00 AM - 12:30 AM

**Office Hours:** 12:30-1:30 PM Class Days, anytime by appointment, and you may consult with me before or after any class period.

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**Books**

Text: "Concepts & Regions in Geography", de Blij, Muller, 4th edition, Wiley  
ISBN 9780470237137 Only the textbook is required.

**Books** HCC books can be purchased at all HCC bookstores, a list of stores can be found in the Spring Schedule booklet.

**Bookstore Links**

[HCC Bookstore Link](#)

[Wiley Publishing Link](#)

[Amazon Books](#)

[Rent The E-Book – Barnes and Noble](#)

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## Course Goals

1. Identify the causes and implications of the globalization of the economy.
  2. Understand the differential impact of technology on global environments.
  3. Analyze global communications across traditional borders and their impact on global social movements.
  4. Comprehend global stratification and the roles of pre-industrial, industrial, and postindustrial societies  
in the world system.
  5. Appreciate the ramifications of shifting geopolitical borders.
  6. Document global demographic trends, i.e. population growth, size and composition, migration patterns, and indigenous populations.
  7. Documentation of indigenous societies, their response to change, political addressment, land claims, and embracement of history and cultural values sometimes in collision with majorities,  
the impact of colonization, and globalization, on indigenous populations also provides more holistic coverage.
  8. Enhance the knowledge of cultural trends regarding social institutions, i.e. religion family.
  9. Define a “multicultural society” and consider both the positive and negative qualities of multiculturalism.
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## Course Structure

**HCC Course Withdrawal Policy:** The State of Texas imposes penalties on students who drop courses excessively. Students are limited to no more than SIX total course withdrawals throughout their educational career at a Texas public college or university. To help you avoid having to drop/withdraw from any class, contact your professor regarding your academic performance. You may also want to contact your counselor to learn about helpful HCC resources (e.g. online tutoring, child care, financial aid, job placement, etc.). HCC has instituted an Early Alert process by which your professor will “alert” you and Distance Education (DE) counselors that you might fail a class because of excessive absences and/or poor academic performance.

**Absences:** Attendance will be taken at each class meeting. It is a student’s responsibility to attend class, and obtain any missed material due to absence. **The final withdrawal deadline for regular term is**

**March 29<sup>th</sup> by 4:30 PM, 2012..** To complete withdrawal you may be required to visit a college campus. After the withdrawal deadline has passed, you will receive the grade that you would have earned. Zeros averaged in for required coursework not submitted will lower your semester average significantly, most likely resulting in a failing grade of an "F". It is the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the class; however, your professor reserves the right to withdraw you without your request due to excessive absences.

**Special Notice: Students who repeat a course** for a third or more times may soon face significant tuition/fee increases at HCC and other Texas public colleges and universities. Please ask your instructor / counselor about opportunities for tutoring / other assistance prior to considering course withdrawal or if you are not receiving passing grades.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:** Receiving a W in a course may affect the status of your student Visa. Once a W is given for the course, it will not be changed to an F because of the visa consideration. Please contact the International Student Office at 713-718-8520 if you have any questions about your visa status and other transfer issues.

**Textbook:** You have an excellent textbook. Use it! Please understand this book is important to you, it contains the hard information you will need for this course. However, remember, you are responsible for the text material. No attempt will be made to cover every detail of the text in class.

**Evaluation:** There will be three tests and a final this semester. The tests will include multiple choice, and a map. Each test will cover assigned readings, lectures, discussions, films, and other activities covered in that particular unit of the course. Your lowest exam grade, (**excluding the final**), will be dropped at the end of the semester. If you miss one of the first three exams, you will receive a zero, and that will be the lowest grade dropped during grade tabulation. **In the event that all exams are taken and your lowest exam grade is the final, all exams are averaged together for 75% of your grade. NO MAKE-UP EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN.** These exams will count for 75% of your grade. **Failure to take the required final will likely result in a failing grade for the course.**

**Classroom Disruptions:** In an attempt to protect, the classroom learning environment excessive noise must be minimized. **Please turn all beepers and cellular phones off during class time.** Disruptive behavior by students will result in temporary or permanent class expulsion as deemed appropriate by the instructor and the dean of instruction. Lap tops may be used for note taking alone, please no web surfing during class.

**Special Needs:** Any students requiring accommodations please see the instructor. This should be done as soon as possible so appropriate arrangements can be made. "Any student with a documented disability (e.g. physical, learning, psychiatric, visual, hearing, etc.) who needs to arrange reasonable accommodations must contact the Disability Services Office at their respective college at the beginning of each semester. The faculty is authorized to provide only the accommodations requested by the Disability Support Services Office." If you have any questions, please contact Donna Price at 713-718-5165 or the Disability Counselor at Southwest College, Dr. Becky Hauri, ADA, 713.718.7909

Any student with a documented disability (e.g. physical, learning, psychiatric, vision, hearing, etc) who needs to arrange reasonable accommodations must contact the appropriate HCC Disability Support Service (DSS) Counselor at the beginning of each semester. **Faculty is authorized to provide only the accommodations requested by the Disability Support Services Office.**

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## Outside Assignments

### Current Events Quizzes:

To improve your knowledge base of the world and keep up with international current events, you will be expected to read assigned articles, and or videos, and take quizzes based on the provided readings. You will be provided with instructions and a breakdown of articles to be read. The articles can be found under current event articles and they will correspond with the topics and/or regions you will cover in class. All quizzes will be taken through the Eagle Online quiz feature. Due dates can be found on the course calendar. The quizzes will constitute 25% of your final grade. Acceptance of late work and penalization for late work is subject to the instructor's discretion.

### Your Class Grade

The standard college policy is followed for all grades: A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), D (60-69), F (below 60). Please note that cheating, plagiarism, and collusion will result in a failing grade for the course. This policy will be enforced for all examinations and assignments. (See the student handbook for further details on H.C.C. policy.)

[What is plagiarism? \(From Turnitin.com\)](#)

Tests	75%
Current Events Quizzes	25%