

**GEOGRAPHY 213  
H(3-0) Area II**

**Geography of World Affairs**

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**Timetable:** FALL SESSION

**Catalogue # 3172**

Lec. 98      Saturday      13:00-17:00      ES 443

**Official Course Description:**

Focuses on the major culture regions of the world and also individual countries. Emphasis on the characteristics, distribution, inter-relationships and comparisons of the major culture and physical phenomena of these areas i.e. population, political situation, economy, language, religion and environment. Some historical developments in each of the areas are presented for perspective, but the major emphasis is on the background for understanding contemporary world affairs.

**Prerequisite:**

N/A

**Supplementary Fees:** (*field trips etc*). N/A.

**Course Content:**

This is not a course on current events. The course provides university-level background to more properly comprehend current problems and world affairs.

Discussion will focus on a survey of major culture regions of the world:

- Europe
- Middle America
- N Africa/SW Asia
- South Asia
- East Asia
- Pacific Oceania
- Russia
- South America
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Southeast Asia
- Australia /New Zealand

**Note:** Anglo-America (Canada and the United States) will not be covered, however references will be made to the region throughout the course whenever the discussion warrants it.

The regions will be discussed in terms of:

- Characteristic regional features
- Historical background
- Races-languages-religio
- Culture realms
- Physical environment
- Population and settlement
- Economy

**Grading:**

<b>Two (2) intra-session tests #1:</b>	TBA	30%
#2:	TBA	30%
<b>Final examination</b> (scheduled by the Registrar):		40%

**Note:** It is not necessary to pass all parts of the course in order to pass the course as a whole.

**Text:** DeBlij and Muller: Geography: Regions and Concepts , Wiley, latest ed.  
A current atlas will be necessary. Recommended: Goode's World Atlas, latest ed.

**Grading System**

96-100 A+	77-80 B	59-61 C-
90-95 A	71-76 B-	55-58 D+
86-89 A-	65-70 C+	50-54 D
81-85 B+	62-64 C	0-49 F

**For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor see Blackboard at:**  
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- All assignments will be handles on Blackboard.
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- SU VP Academic Phone: 220-3911 and e-mail: [suypaca@ucalgary.ca](mailto:suypaca@ucalgary.ca)
- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: [socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca)

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