

Advanced World Geography Syllabus

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Please make sure to read this syllabus thoroughly before beginning the course.

Technical Information:

This course does not provide computer instruction. You will only be instructed in the content of the course.

If you have technical difficulty while you are taking the test, please have your counselor/proctor contact the High School Online office at 662.325.1457.

Textbook Information:

World Geography and Cultures

Glencoe, 2012

ISBN #: 978007879952

All of your assignments will relate to this text, therefore it is imperative that you obtain a copy prior to beginning the coursework.

Prerequisites:

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have met any prerequisites required to earn credit for this course. Refunds will not be issued outside of the refund policy because prerequisites were not met prior to enrolling in or taking the course.

Objective of the Course:

Advanced World Geography framework requires that student learning focus on understanding the systems and processes that produce the features and patterns that lie on Earth's surface and appear on maps and globes.

Discussion Board:

You are required to submit a discussion board posts for this course. The questions/topics are already presented in the Discussion Board area. There is no exact right or wrong answer on discussion board questions – just make sure you explain and justify your reasoning. I will comment on your posts as well. Your participation in each discussion board will combine to count as one test grade for the course.

Quizzes:

Each lesson will have a quiz. The quizzes are designed to provide an understanding of the content related to the courses. Each quiz contains key terms and short answer questions. Please be thorough in your answers. When identifying key terms, don't merely copy the book's definition – explain its overall importance. When working through short answer questions, provide as much information as is needed to completely answer the question – provide facts, input, examples, justification, etc. You are allowed to use notes and your textbook for the quizzes

Exams:

This course will have 6 exams. They will heavily emphasize vocabulary, as key terms are vital to the understanding of the concepts presented. Be sure, however, to review all questions and activities that are listed in your text. The exams will be under the supervision of your course supervisor/proctor. No supplementary materials (notes, textbooks, reference books, etc.) can be used. We reserve the right to require any student to come to the High School Online office to take or redo any test. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated, and can result in an F in the course.

Mississippi State University's Student Honor Code will be enforced. To view this policy, visit <http://www.honorcode.msstate.edu/policy/>.

Why Geography Matters:

This course will have 3 'Why Geography Matters' writing projects. These three projects will combine to act as one exam grade.

Final Essay:

The last assignment for this course is the final essay. This essay will also act as an exam grade.

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Grades:

You will receive a numerical grade for each lesson that you submit. Your quiz grades will count as 1/3 of your final grade, and your exams will count as 2/3 of your final grade. As items are graded, your grade will be posted in Moodle. While I strive to grade your materials in a very timely fashion, please note that there are certain times when there may be a delay in grading (holidays, weekends, etc).

Final Grade:

Once all course work is submitted your final numerical grade is averaged. A completion letter will be mailed to the student and the school. The school will issue the letter grade and add the course to your transcript.

Communication with your Instructor:

Outside of discussion board posts, all communication with your instructor should be via email.

Course Completion and Graduation:

If you are graduating in the current school year, all coursework must be completed by April 1 in order to ensure that your official documentation is received by your school counselor in time for graduation. It is your responsibility to submit all discussion boards, quizzes, and exams by this deadline.