

# Geography 100: Introduction to Human Geography

## Global Patterns and Processes

Spring 2007, 3 hrs, no prerequisites

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10:00 and 12:00 MWF

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This course will introduce you to the basic concepts, ideas, and processes of human geography by examining the historical and contemporary patterns and processes that are shaping our world. We will investigate how these global changes are interacting with local places and regions. Although you may be familiar with some of the course's content from other classes, we will be approaching these diverse topics from the perspective of human geography by emphasizing the varied relationships between people, society, space, and place.

**University Mission Statement:** Approved by MU Board of Governors on May 12, 2004  
"Marshall University will educate a citizenry capable of living and working effectively in a global environment."

This Course meets General Education Core Outcome 6: International Studies. Students will learn to:

1. Describe, explain, and analyze diplomatic, political, social, economic, and technological interaction among nations, peoples, cultures: including (but not limited to) ethnic tensions, multinational corporations, international structures and liberation movements of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries.
2. Utilize historical, political, geographical, sociological and anthropological concepts
3. Describe, explain and analyze the cultural, economic geographical, political, religious, and social dimensions of major world religions and /or nations of global significance in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century
4. Describe, explain, and analyze the major issues, concerns and problems of a global scope (e.g., environmental degradations, maintenance of peace and underdevelopment, population growth, human rights, etc).

**Text:** Paul Knox and Sallie Marston, *Places and Regions in Global Context: Human Geography*.

Additional newspaper readings will be available online and will be covered on the tests.

**Computer Requirements:** Students will need to be able to log on to the Marshall University campus computer system and WebCT Vista at [www.marshall.edu](http://www.marshall.edu). The course syllabus, newspaper readings, tests, and test scores are all available with WebCT Vista.

**Attendance:** Attendance may be taken periodically. Late arrivals may be counted as absent. More than 2 unexcused absences will result in one letter grade reduction. If unavoidable circumstances arise, such as illness or family emergency, you are expected to contact me before missing class. Even if excused ahead of time, you are still responsible for the material covered during your absence. Make-up exams will only be granted if the student presents a university-approved excuse. For inclement weather, see the MU policies in *Undergraduate Catalog*.

**Evaluation:** There will be three exams, each worth 50 points for a total of 150 points. The exams will be in a multiple choice format and taken online.

There will be no other extra credit assignments.

Final grades are determined by the following percentage scale:

A=150-120 points; B=119-105 points; C=104-90 points; D=89-75 points; F=74 points or less.

(A=100-80%; B=79-70%; C=69-60%; D=59-50%; F=49% or less)

Using this scale during previous semesters, the distribution of final grades has been approximately: A=20%; B=43%; C=20%; D=13%; F=4%.

**Academic Honesty:** All tests are to be completed individually. Students who receive any form of assistance while taking a test will receive a final course grade of F. See the policies for academic honesty in the MU *Undergraduate Catalog*.

Students with disabilities should contact me within the first two weeks of class.

## Tentative Schedule

Jan 8-12	Human Geography and Globalization	chapter 2
Jan 17-19	Economic Geography	chapter 7
Jan 22-26	Economic Geography	
Jan 29	Economic Geography	
Jan 31	Review	
Feb 2	Study Day	
Feb 5	<b>Test 1</b>	
Feb 7-9	Political Geography	chapter 9
Feb 12-16	Political and Cultural Geography	chapters 5 and 6
Feb 19-23	Cultural Geography	
Feb 26-Mar 2	Urban Geography	chapter 10 and 11
Mar 5-9	Urban Geography	
Mar 12	Urban Geography	
Mar 14	Review	
Mar 16	<b>Test 2</b>	
Mar 19-23	Spring Break	
March 26-30	Agricultural Geography	chapter 8
April 2-6	Population Geography	chapter 3
April 11-13	Population Geography	
April 16-20	Environmental Geography	chapter 4
April 23-25	Medical Geography	
April 27	Review	
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Test 3</b>	