

Geography 404/504: Geography of Europe

Fall Semester 2006, 3 hrs
4:00-6:20 Monday, 235 Harris Hall

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Office Hours: M 9:00-9:50, 11:00-11:50, 1:00-3:50; WF 9:00-9:50, 11:00-11:50; Th 3:00-3:50; and by appointment

Email: Please use the Mail Tool in the Vista course website (or hagenj@marshall.edu)

Objectives: Students will learn the key geographical features, characteristics, and patterns of Europe and the Europeans, both past and present.

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 20th and 21st 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 20th and 21st 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: Ostergren and Rice, *The Europeans: A Geography of People, Culture, and Environment*, 2004.

Additional readings will be available at <http://vista.marshall.edu>.

Evaluation: Your final course grade will be based on a total of 150 points comprised of the following:

Three multiple choice exams: 50 points each taken online at <http://vista.marshall.edu>
Start ‘quiz’: 2 points

Final grades are determined by the following scale (out of 150 total points):

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

There will be no extra credit assignments

Graduate students please see me about additional course requirements

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. The course syllabus, newspaper readings, tests, and test scores are all available with Vista.

Late Policy and Attendance: Attendance will be taken at the beginning of class periods. 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 allowed if the student has a university-approved excuse.

Academic Honesty: All tests are to be completed individually. Students who receive assistance while taking a test will receive a final course grade of F and possible further sanctions from the university.

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

Tentative Schedule	Chapter
Week 1 – Aug 21 – where is Europe? what is Europe?	1
Week 2 – Aug 28 – the physical setting	2
Week 3 – Sept 11 – population trends	3; French babies & time bomb
Week 4 – Sept 18 – human-environment interaction	4; europes sewer & costa del concreta
Week 5 – Sept 25 – Test 1 (above materials and Physical place names)	
Week 6 – Oct 2 – classical urbanization	8 and 9
Week 7 – Oct 9 – medieval urbanization	
Week 8 – Oct 16 – renaissance/baroque urbanization	
Week 9 – Oct 23 – work, leisure, and everyday life	10 and 11; eating habits & fun city
Week 10 – Oct 30 – Test 2 (above materials and Political place names)	
Week 11 – Nov 6 – language	5; snappy slogan
Week 12 – Nov 13 – religion	6; faith fades & melting pot
Week 13 – Nov 27 – politics	7; public uneasy & give me
Week 14 – Dec 4 – Test 3	