

Geography/Block – Foundations

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This Geography course will examine a broad range of geographical perspectives covering all of the major regions of the world. Each region will be reviewed in a similar structure so students can clearly see the similarities and differences between each region. Specifically, the course will explore where each region is located along with its physical characteristics, including absolute and relative location, climate, and significant geographical features. The exploration will then continue on to look at each region from a cultural, economic, and political perspective, closely examining the human impact on each region from these perspectives as well as how human activities impact the environments of the region.

This course has been designed with the credit recovery student in mind. The course content has been chunked into smaller topics and additional interactive practice activities have been added to the course. Diagnostic quizzes are presented to the student, allowing them to pass through areas of content that they may have previously studied successfully. Post-topic quizzes are presented with each topic of content. Audio readings are included for all portions of content, allowing auditory learners the opportunity to engage with the course. Test pools and randomized test questions are utilized in pre- and post-topic quizzes as well as unit exams.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Demonstrate an understanding of geography and its definition.
- Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture, and economic characteristics of places and regions in North America.
- Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture, and economic characteristics of places and regions in Central America.
- Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture, and economic characteristics of places and regions in South America.
- Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture, and economic characteristics of places and regions in Western Europe.
- Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture, and economic characteristics of places and regions in Eastern Europe.
- Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture, and economic characteristics of places and regions in Eastern Asia.
- Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture, and economic characteristics of places and regions in Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

- Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture, and economic characteristics of places and regions in Africa.
- Describe and compare the landforms, climates, population, culture, and economic characteristics of places and regions in India and the Middle East.

PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE LENGTH: Two Semesters

REQUIRED TEXT: No required text for this course.

MATERIALS LIST: No required materials for this course.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Unit 1: Introduction to Geography

- Section A - What is Geography?
- Section B - Locating Our Place in Space: Spatial Analysis
- Section C - Physical Attributes of Earth's Landscape
- Section D - Human Impact
- Section E - Unit Assessment: Careers in Geography

Unit 2: North America

- Section A - Where Is North America?
- Section B - Physical Characteristics and Systems of North America
- Section C - People and Culture
- Section D - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section E - Unit Assessment: North America

Unit 3: Central America

- Section A - Where Is Central America?
- Section B - Physical Systems and Processes
- Section C - People and Culture
- Section D - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section E - Unit Assessment: Central America

Unit 4: South America

- Section A - Where Is South America?
- Section B - Physical Characteristics and Systems
- Section C - People and Culture
- Section D - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section E - Unit Assessment: South America

Unit 5: Western Europe

- Section A - Where Is Western Europe?

- Section B - Physical Systems and Processes
- Section C - People and Culture
- Section D - Human Impact on the Environment
- Section E - Unit Assessment: Western Europe

Unit 6: Eastern Europe

- Section A - Where Is Eastern Europe?
- Section B - Physical Systems and Processes of Eastern Europe
- Section C - People and Culture of Eastern Europe
- Section D - Human Impact on the Environment of Eastern Europe
- Section E - Nuclear Energy

Unit 7: Eastern Asia

- Section A - Where Is Eastern Asia?
- Section B - Physical Systems and Processes of Eastern Asia
- Section C - People and Culture of Eastern Asia
- Section D - Human Impact on the Environment of Eastern Asia
- Section E - Focus on Climate Change

Unit 8: Southeast Asia and the Pacific

- Section A - Where Is Southeastern Asia and the Pacific?
- Section B - Physical Systems and Processes of Southeast Asia and the Pacific
- Section C - People and Culture of Southeast Asia and the Pacific
- Section D - Human Impact on Southeast Asia and the Pacific
- Section E - Disaster Planning

Unit 9: Africa

- Section A - Where Is Africa?
- Section B - Physical Systems and Processes of Africa
- Section C - People and Culture of Africa
- Section D - Human Impact on the Environment of Africa
- Section E - Focus on Disease

Unit 10: India and the Middle East

- Section A - Where Are India and the Middle East?
- Section B - Physical Systems and Processes of India and the Middle East
- Section C - People and Culture of India and the Middle East
- Section D - Human Impact on the Environment of India and the Middle East
- Section E - Focus on Outsourcing