Course Description and Goals
Geography is an amazing discipline that examines the relationship between humans and the natural environment, also known as human-environmental interactions. In Introductory Geography, we will focus on these interactions from different world perspectives. We will first investigate and discuss the fundamentals of human geography and physical geography. With this background material, we will then analyze distinct world realms in order to understand the qualities and characteristics that make up each realm. Particular attention will be paid to the spatial perspective that is inherent to geography, and how this shapes our understanding of regional variations.

Text

Policies
• Attendance: is expected of each student. An official, written excuse is required for missed quizzes, participation points, and tests. If you are absent, it is imperative that you obtain the lecture notes you missed from a fellow student.

• Noise: please turn off all cell phones, and refrain from talking in class. Be polite to your fellow students.

• Attentiveness: we will move quickly in this class, so be alert and try to work efficiently. You are not allowed to do the following during class: read newspapers, play computer games, text message (or talk on cell phone), or anything else that does not directly relate to the content of this course.

• Clarity: it is my responsibility to present the course material in a clear, concise manner. If anything is unclear, please bring your concerns to my attention. You can speak with me before-during-after class, via email, during my office hours, or at another specified time.

• Attitude: have a good attitude about being in class. You are not required to attend class; therefore, if you come, be positive. Remember, your post-secondary education is your choice. You are paying for a service—get the most out of it!

• Emergency Evacuation/Shelter-in-Place Procedures: in the event of an emergency evacuation (i.e., fire or other emergency), classes meeting in this building are directed...
to reassemble at IRC Lobby so that all persons can be accounted for. Complete details of the College’s emergency evacuation, shelter-in-place and other emergency procedures can be found at http://www.oneonta.edu/security/.

**Grading**

The grades are distributed as follows:

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- **Homework Assignments:** the homework assignments will reflect lecture and book material. There will be a selection of multiple choice, true/false, matching, and short answer questions. Upon receipt, you will have 1 week to complete the assignment. Late assignments will be accepted; however, a 25% penalty per day will be incurred.

- **Map Quizzes:** the map quizzes will reflect the world realms we cover in this class. For each realm we discuss, you will be provided with several maps which outline the political, physiographic, and climatic characteristics of the areas. You are responsible for all information identified on the maps. There will be a selection of multiple choice, true/false, matching, and short answer questions. Map quizzes can only be made up if the student presents an official, written excuse.

- **Participation:** participation points will be used to reward good attendance and the “participation” of students in class discussions. In other words, “just showing up” will not guarantee that participation points will be awarded. Participation points will be unannounced, and it can only be made up if the student presents an official, written excuse.

- **Tests:** the tests will reflect lecture and book material. There will be a selection of multiple choice, true/false, matching, and short answer questions. Test 3 will be the final examination; 25% of which will be cumulative-based. Tests can only be made up if the student presents an official, written excuse.

- **Bonus:** 5 bonus points will be made available to each student. The bonus will be unannounced and it cannot be made up.
**Schedule**
The following schedule is tentative and is subject to changes by Dr. Hayward.

Week 1 (School week beginning…January 18\(^{th}\)): Introduction to Geography

Week 2 (…January 25\(^{th}\)): Introduction to Geography; The North American Realm

Week 3 (…February 1\(^{st}\)): The North American Realm

Week 4 (…February 8\(^{th}\)): The North American Realm; The Middle American Realm

**Homework Assignment 1 due February 12\(^{th}\)**

Week 5 (…February 15\(^{th}\)): The Middle American Realm

**Map Quiz 1 on February 17\(^{th}\)**

Week 6 (…February 22\(^{nd}\)): Spring Break 1; go have fun

Week 7 (…March 1\(^{st}\)): The South American Realm

**Test 1 on March 1\(^{st}\)**

Week 8 (…March 8\(^{th}\)): The South American Realm

**Homework Assignment 2 due March 10\(^{th}\)**

Week 9 (…March 15\(^{th}\)): The European Realm

Week 10 (…March 22\(^{nd}\)): The European Realm; The Russian Realm

**Map Quiz 2 on March 24\(^{th}\)**

Week 11 (…March 29\(^{th}\)): The Russian Realm

**Homework Assignment 3 due March 31\(^{st}\)**

**Test 2 on April 2\(^{nd}\)**

Week 12 (…April 5\(^{th}\)): Spring Break 2; go have fun

Week 13 (…April 12\(^{th}\)): The Russian Realm; Review of East Asia, South Asia, Subsaharan Africa

Week 14 (…April 19\(^{th}\)): The North African/Southwest Asian Realm

Week 15 (…April 26\(^{th}\)): The North African/Southwest Asian Realm

Week 16 (…May 3\(^{rd}\)): The North African/Southwest Asian Realm

**Map Quiz 3 on May 5\(^{th}\)**

Week 17 (…May 10\(^{th}\)): Review for Final Examination

**Test 3 (subject to University schedule)**