GEOGRAPHY 101: THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT (Spring 2007)

Section 1: TR 9:00 - 10:15 AM in BUSAD 102
Section 2: TR 10:30 - 11:45 AM in BUSAD 102

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Required Text:

Optional Text:

Week  Reading  Topic
1  Chapter 1 & 21  Introduction: Essentials of Geography / Earth & Human Denominator
2  Chapter 2 & 3  Solar Energy and Seasons / Earth’s Modern Atmosphere
3  Chapter 4  Atmosphere and Solar Energy Balances
4  FIRST MIDTERM EXAM: February 1
5  Chapter 5  Global Temperatures
6  Chapter 6  Atmospheric and Oceanic Circulation
7  Chapters 7 & 8  Water and Atmospheric Moisture / Weather
8  SECOND MIDTERM EXAM: March 1
9  Chapter 10  Global Climate Systems
10  Chapter 11  The Dynamic Planet
11  Chapter 12  Tectonics, Earthquakes and Volcanism
12  THIRD MIDTERM EXAM: April 5
13  Chapter 13  Weathering, Karst Landscapes and Mass Movements
14  Chapter 14  River Systems and Landforms
15  Chapter 16  The Oceans, Coastal Processes and Landforms
16  Chapter 20  Terrestrial Biomes

FINAL EXAM SECTION 1: May 8 @ 9:45 - 11:45 in CR 105
FINAL EXAM SECTION 2: May 10 @ 9:45 - 11:45 in CR 105
Please note that the order and timing of topics covered and reading assignments may change slightly as circumstances dictate. It is each student’s responsibility to keep current on the assigned topics and readings by attending lectures.

Grading
There will be four one-hour objective exams accounting for 90% of the final grade. In-class activities and take-home assignments account for 10% of the final grade.

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No extra credit work is permitted.

Exams are not cumulative which includes the final. Examinations will consist of multiple-choice questions, some of which will be answered with reference to maps and diagrams. Examination questions will be drawn from both the textbook and lectures.

Activities & Assignments can include practicing textbook/lecture concepts during class, viewing video segments related to class with comprehension/discussion questions, or reading topical/current articles outside of class with questions to answer about the articles.

Make-up Examinations
A make-up midterm examination is allowed without penalty if you miss a midterm exam for a valid reason. A doctor’s note or other form of legitimate documentation must be provided. Makeup exams will take place the week after each midterm at a time and place determined by the instructor and may be either multiple choice or essay style. You must take the final exam at the scheduled date and time except in the case of an illness. This must also be supported by documentation.

WebCT
Lecture notes, marks, study tools and other course information will be posted on the course WebCT site. All files posted are in portable document format (pdf) so you will need Acrobat Reader on your computer to download lecture notes and other information from this site. To access the course web site, go to http://webCT.hawaii.edu and login using your UH username and password. Your UH username is the first part of your email address (for example yourname@hawaii.edu) and your WebCT password is the same as your login password to the UH mail and registration systems. A list of WebCT classes linked to your student record will appear after you login (only classes with WebCT accounts will be listed). Click on the link MAN: The Natural Environment to connect to the Geography 101 course content page. This site will be updated at least once a week with notes for upcoming lectures, study tools and other important course information.

Laboratory
It is strongly recommended that the laboratory course, Geography 101L, be taken concurrently with this lecture course. It provides additional instruction on important subject matter and allows for discussion in small groups. The laboratory carries 1 hour of credit and, with Geography 101, satisfies the natural science laboratory requirement of the UH Manoa General Core Requirements.