



Alabama Community College System

GEO 201 Principles of Human Geography

I. GEO 201 Principles of Human Geography—3 Semester Hours

II. Course Description

This course surveys the science of location, with emphasis on human activities as it relates to agricultural and industrial activities, and cities as market and production centers. Emphasis will be placed on human networks.

III. Prerequisite

GEO 100

IV. Textbook

Due to the varied selection of quality college-level textbooks, each college will select the textbook needed to meet the requirements of this course.

V. Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will demonstrate the following outcomes:

1. Explain human geography's relevance and diversity through the examination of its subdivisions.
2. Discuss the various subdivisions of human geography such as the cultural, social, population, economic, urban, and geopolitical aspects of human interaction.
3. Describe the environmental impact of human occupancy of the Earth.
4. Read, analyze, and interpret maps, globes, charts, geospatial technologies, and other graphic material in geographic inquiry.

VI. Course Outline of Topics

1. Introduction to the Nature of Human Geography
2. Population Patterns, Demographic Regions, and the Settlement Landscape
3. Agricultural Origins, Regions, and Landscapes
4. Linguistic Cultural Regions – the Geography of Language
5. The Mosaic of Religions
6. Folk Geography

7. Popular Culture, Regions, and Landscapes
8. Ethnic Regions, Diffusion, and Landscapes
9. Urban Origins and Cultural Regions
10. Urban Ecology and Urban Landscapes
11. Industrial Geography
12. Development vs. Underdevelopment: Post-Industrial Society vs. Third World Nations
13. Global Patterns

VII. Evaluation and Assessment

Grades will be given based upon A = 90 – 100%, B = 80 – 89%, C = 70 – 79%, D = 60 – 69%, and F = below 60%.

VIII. Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes for which they are registered. Students who are unable to attend class regularly, regardless of the reason or circumstance, should withdraw from that class before poor attendance interferes with the student's ability to achieve the objectives required in the course. Withdrawal from class can affect eligibility for federal financial aid.

IX. Statement on Discrimination/Harassment

It is the official policy of the Alabama Community College System and entities under its control, including all Colleges, that no person shall be discriminated against on the basis of any impermissible criterion or characteristic, including, without limitation, race, color, national origin, religion, marital status, disability, sex, age, or any other protected class as defined by federal and state law. (ACCS Policies 601.02 and 800.00)

X. Americans with Disabilities

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and the *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990* state that qualified students with disabilities who meet the essential functions and academic requirements are entitled to reasonable accommodations. It is the student's responsibility to provide appropriate disability documentation to the College.