

Course Syllabus

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Course description

Geography 2100 examines the development of cultures and their traits, humans' relationships with the environments they occupy and utilize, and the pathways they have taken to the diverse societies present today. All is examined through a geographic lens, meaning that place and space are presented as significant factors in the development of these diverse cultures and relationships.

Office hours

- **Regular scheduled office hours** aren't happening. Sorry. I teach in-person in Marion, so Columbus just isn't doable this semester.
- **Zoom office hours**, on the other hand, can be scheduled for any day/time that is mutually convenient for the student and instructor.
- Furthermore, students can send Carmen messages, texts, or emails anytime, and should expect a response within 24 hours or less.

Class schedule

The schedule of all class activities--primarily assignment submissions and discussions--appears in the calendar (link on the left) as well as the course summary at the bottom of this page. Do not lose track of due dates. **Your instructor doesn't accept late work without advance notification.**

"Advance notification" means a message (Carmen DM, email, text) sent prior to the minute the work is due.

What to expect from this class, and what the instructor expects from students

GEOG 2100 is a course consisting of five units. Even when taught asynchronously, lectures and associated activities/assignments are scheduled for certain times during the semester, and must be completed by the due date shown on Carmen. Students are responsible for following the schedule on Carmen and submitting all obligations on time. Extensions may be given for certain assignments (not discussions) if the student requests the extension prior to the due date.

Assessments: There are no exams. Student learning will instead be assessed via reflections on the lecture material and posts to discussion topics. Grades follow the standard OSU scheme below. These are the minimum scores required to earn the indicated grade:

- 93% A (i.e., anyone earning at least 93% of the points in the class should expect an A for the course grade)
- 90% A-
- 87% B+
- 83% B
- 80% B-
- 77% C+
- 73% C
- 70% C-
- 67% D+
- 60% D (there is no D- grade although I will give you one if you ask and your grade is above 60%)
- anything below 60% E

There is no textbook. Occasionally, short readings will be included in discussion topics.

Credit hours and work expectations: This is a **3-credit-hour course**. According to [Ohio State policy \(http://go.osu.edu/credithours\)](http://go.osu.edu/credithours), students should expect around 3 hours per week of time spent on direct instruction (in our case, participating asynchronously in online discussions) in addition to 6 hours of homework (reading and assignment preparation, for example) to receive a grade of (C) average.

Attendance and participation requirements:

- **Lectures and discussions: NOT APPLICABLE**

This is an online class, so there's no expectation that you will attend lectures (which don't happen anyway) or discussions (in a physical sense). Even if there was, I don't know where I would send you.

- **Participation in discussion forums: REQUIRED**

Online discussion forums form the basis for all current-events discussions. You will be graded on the quality of your participation in the forums.

- **Submission deadlines: SET IN STONE.**

Even though this class is asynchronous, that doesn't mean everything is due on the last day of the semester. Due dates for lecture reflections, discussion posts, and assignments are spread throughout the semester. The course summary (below) and the calendar (at left on the desktop version of Carmen) will be useful in keeping you from missing anything important.

- **Office hours: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

Meeting with the instructor during office hours may be tricky, seeing how he's never on campus. Well, he's on a campus, just not yours. Probably. If you'd like to get questions answered, engage

in friendly banter, or just rant, go back to the home page and use one of those suggested contact methods to get his attention, and we'll work out a time to meet, virtually or otherwise.

Follow these links for additional information about how the class works.

- **GE Expected Learning Outcomes for GEOG 2100**
 - **Current GE** (<https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/pages/ge-2100>)
 - **Legacy GE** (<https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/pages/legacy-ge-2100>)
- **Class policies** (<https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/pages/classroom-policies>)
- **Course technology/IT help** (<https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/pages/course-technology-slash-it-help>) (<https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192551/pages/g81a93f1c3ab2ba2626077532f944ffd4>)
- **Plagiarism prevention**  (<https://cstw.osu.edu/policies>) and other services from OSU CSTW; scroll down to "Plagiarism" at the bottom
- **Copyright disclaimer** (<https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/pages/copyright-disclaimer>)

Columbus Campus Resources

Please take advantage of the resources provided by this campus and the University. We have services designed to assist you with studying and learning, and people eager to help with the stress of being a student. Feel free to investigate their services on your own, or you may ask me anytime if you would like me to introduce you to any of the staff here to work with you.

- **Statement from the Office of Disability Services** (<https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/pages/disability-services>)
 - Reach out to Disability Services if you have concerns about any condition or situation--disability-related or not--that makes it difficult for you to learn or participate fully in this class.
- **Information for active military and military veteran students** (<https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/pages/information-for-active-military-and-military-veteran-students>)
 - How to coordinate with your instructor if military orders require you to be off-campus short-term, plus access to services for active military and military veterans.
- **Counseling and wellness services** (<https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/pages/counseling-and-wellness-services>)
 - Visit the Counseling and Wellness Services if you're having difficulty concentrating, coping, or taking care of yourself. Their free services are available to all students.

- **Grievances and Solving Problems (<https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/pages/grievances-and-solving-problems>)**

- Faculty are expected by the University to report student attendance. Failure to attend classes may impact a student's eligibility for financial aid.

If your home campus is elsewhere, please contact the Columbus campus services you need and they will be happy to connect you to resources closer to you.

Additional University statements

In the interest of advancing community fairness and safety, the University has made these statements and established these policies:

- **University statement on academic misconduct (<https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/pages/university-statement-on-academic-misconduct-2>)**
 - Academic misconduct includes cheating and plagiarism. OSU takes this very seriously.
- **University statement on academic integrity and artificial intelligence (<https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/pages/artificial-intelligence-and-academic-integrity>)**
 - Academic integrity requires that members of the university community perform their work "with fairness and honesty."
- **University statement on creating an environment free from harassment, discrimination, and sexual misconduct (<https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/pages/university-statement-on-creating-an-environment-free-from-harassment-discrimination-and-sexual-misconduct>)**
 - Students should expect their experience at the university to be welcoming. Any student who wishes to report a hostile environment may do so with confidentiality.
- **University statement on intellectual diversity (<https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/pages/intellectual-diversity>)**
 - Class activities, including discussions, can and should address controversial topics with openness toward diverse viewpoints.
- **University statement on religious accommodations (<https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/pages/religious-accommodations>)**
 - Faculty will respect a student's request for accommodations based on religious observations. It is the student's responsibility to advise faculty of their need for accommodations.
- **University statement on sensitive content (<https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/pages/university-statement-on-sensitive-content>)**
 - Some media and discussions may involve material (such as violent weather, or future climate change scenarios) that some students may find disturbing.

Due dates for the items below may change slightly. You'll get at least a few days of warning.

Course Summary:

Date	Details	Due
Sun Sep 7, 2025	 Personal Geography assignment (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4846531)	due by 11:59pm
Sun Sep 14, 2025	 Reflection 1-2 (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925745)	due by 11:59pm
	 Reflection 1-3 (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925746)	due by 11:59pm
	 Unit 1 Discussion (start before September 8) (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925701)	due by 11:59pm
Sun Sep 28, 2025	 Cultural Expressions assignment (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4846526)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Sep 30, 2025	 Reflection 1-1 (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925707)	due by 11:59pm
Sun Oct 5, 2025	 Reflection 2-1 (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925498)	due by 11:59pm
	 Reflection 2-2 (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925751)	due by 11:59pm

Date	Details	Due
Sun Oct 26, 2025	 Reflection 2-3 (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925752)	due by 11:59pm
	 Unit 2 Discussion (start before September 29) (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925995)	due by 11:59pm
	 Reflection 3-1 (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925405)	due by 11:59pm
	 Reflection 3-2 (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925757)	due by 11:59pm
	 Reflection 3-3 (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925759)	due by 11:59pm
	 Reflection 3-4 (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925758)	due by 11:59pm
Sun Nov 16, 2025	 Unit 3 Discussion (start before October 20) (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925996)	due by 11:59pm
	 Reflection 4-1 (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925397)	due by 11:59pm
	 Reflection 4-2 (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925823)	due by 11:59pm
	 Reflection 4-3 (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925830)	due by 11:59pm

Date	Details	Due
Sun Nov 23, 2025	 Reflection 4-4 (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925824)	due by 11:59pm
	 Unit 4 Discussion (start before November 10) (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925998)	due by 11:59pm
	 Landscape PAPER assignment (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4846528)	due by 11:59pm
	 Landscape PRESENTATION assignment (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4846529)	due by 11:59pm
Sun Nov 30, 2025	 Globalization assignment (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4846527)	due by 11:59pm
Sun Dec 7, 2025	 Reflection 5-1 (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925322)	due by 11:59pm
	 Reflection 5-2 (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925917)	due by 11:59pm
	 Reflection 5-3 (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925915)	due by 11:59pm
	 Reflection 5-4 (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925913)	due by 11:59pm

Date	Details	Due
	 <u>Unit 5 Discussion (start before December 1) (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4925997)</u>	due by 11:59pm
	 <u>Landscape Project (online) (https://osu.instructure.com/courses/192553/assignments/4846530)</u>	