

**Course:** GRY 100

**Course Title:** World Regional Geography

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Department:** Geography, Geology, & Planning

**Prerequisite:** None

*May also receive credit for this course through International Baccalaureate*

**General Education Area:**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - Cultural Competence (GEC 115)

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**Typically Offered During:**

Fall Full Semester:	YES	Fall 1 <sup>st</sup> Block:	YES	Fall 2 <sup>nd</sup> Block:	YES
Spring Full Semester:	YES	Spring 1 <sup>st</sup> Block:	YES	Spring 2 <sup>nd</sup> Block:	YES
Summer:	YES				

**Typical Instructional Modality:**

Traditional (seated):	YES	Blended:	YES	Internet:	YES
Online Video:	NO	Web Conference:	NO		

**May Also Count Toward Department Offering:**

Major:	YES	Minor:	YES	Certificate:	YES
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*Please see online published semester class schedule and undergraduate catalog for detailed course offering information.*

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***How do you describe the course to students when they ask “What is this class about?” (Without using the catalog description)?***

GRY 100 offers students a chance to explore the world's regions and develop a better understanding of what it means to be part of a global community. Regions are examined in terms of cultural characteristics (such as languages and religious beliefs) as well as environmental concerns (such as climate change and natural hazards). Topics include globalization, ethnic diversity, population growth, sustainability, geopolitical changes, and economic and social development.

***Beyond meeting a General Education requirement, what benefits can students realize from choosing this course?***

After taking this course students should be able to:

- Make more informed decisions about global issues
- Understand the connections among people and places around the world
- Recognize the impacts of human activities on the physical environment
- Recognize how environmental factors impact human settlements and activities
- Understand how local actions can have global impacts

***Other than your major/minor/certificate students, what groups of students could find this course relevant to their degree program or career path?***

Students with majors or minors or interests in these areas have found this course relevant:

Sustainability, Planning, Geology, Business, Political Science, History, Education, Anthropology, Wildlife Conservation, Public health, Public Affairs

***Catalog Description (Fall 2022 Undergraduate Catalog)***

An examination of the world's geographic regions focusing on the location of Earth's major physical features, human populations and cultures, and their interaction. Topics include natural systems, globalization, ethnic and geopolitical conflicts, and human impacts upon the environment. This course provides both an introduction to geography as a discipline and a basic geographic foundation for those interested in current international issues, politics, history and public affairs.