

**Eastern Oregon University  
Course Syllabus**

**Number of Course:** GEOG 106

**Name of Course:** Physical Geography

**Catalog Description:** An introduction to physical geography and its approach to the analysis and understanding of the physical environment. The course covers the atmosphere: weather and climate; the lithosphere: geomorphology, landforms and soils; and the hydrosphere: oceans and oceanic coastal forms. Tectonics and the basic geodesy of the earth is covered. Examples of environmental issues and how geography treats these questions and problems are emphasized in the course.

**Credit Hours:** 5

**Required Texts or Suggested Materials:**

<http://eou.bncollege.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/TBWizardView?catalogId=10001&langId=-1&storeId=87851>

**Prerequisites:** None

**Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Acquire a broad understanding and be able to explain the Earth's place in the universe, atmospheric processes and geosystems;
2. Understand, explain and utilize the scientific method;
3. Understand and assess geosystem formation and change over time;
4. Understand and explain how systems are linked to each; other
5. Identify and analyze how humans impact and are impacted by these systems and our environment;
6. Critically evaluate geographic issues pertinent to your daily life, potential chosen professions and public issues.

**Course Requirements:**

- You need to attend class regularly. Throughout the term there will be in-class and homework assignments during the week that will be graded. Dates of these assignments are not announced.
- You'll have assignments to complete—2 regular exams and one final exam, quizzes, labs, assignments, and a project.
- There will be a project - more information on this and the due date later.

**Grading Policies:**

Your course grade will depend on the overall average received on exams, quizzes and assignments. Letter grades will be assigned:

A	93-100%	B+	86-89%	B-	80-82%	C	73-75%	D	60-69%
A-	90-92%	B	83-85%	C+	76-79%	C-	70-72%	F	<60%

**Activity**

**Percentage**

Exams

25

Final

15

Reading quizzes	25
Labs & In/out of class assignments	25
Map quizzes	10
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 100

**Means of Assessment:**

There will be 3 exams (GE: 1-3; CO: 1-6); Concept map project (GE: 1-3; CO: 1,3-6); multiple reflection/discussion assignment (GE: 3; CO: 5-6); in-class learning activities & assignments (GE:1-3; CO:1- 6); and chapter reading check assignment (GE: 1-3; CO: 1-6); and online assignments (GE: 2-3; CO: 3-6).

Class Attendance:

- If you miss any class, it is your responsibility to find out what has been covered, get notes from other students, and find out whether there were any announcements, assignments, due dates, etc.
- Some In/Out of-class assignments are graded but are not scheduled for specific days in the syllabus.

Quizzes

1. Reading quizzes – due dates and quizzes posted on Mastering Geography calendar and tentative syllabus
2. Map quizzes – Dates TBD

Assignments

1. Homework
  - a. Mastering Geography online assignments
  - b. Out-of-class assignments
2. Lab/In-class assignments
  - In-class assignments are graded but are not scheduled for specific days in the syllabus.
  - If you miss an in-class assignment, it will generally **not** be able to be made up.

Exams

- The first exam covers material prior to the exam date
- The second exam will mostly contain material covered after the first exam
- The final will mainly cover information from weeks 7-10. There will be a couple questions that will be comprehensive to cover content and critical thinking knowledge from material covered for the first exam.
- Besides the text and lecture material, videos, in class activities, and presentations are fairgame on exams.

**Brief Outline of Course:**

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Intro - Syllabus	Geography Read all of the Introductory Chapter	Sign up for Mastering Geography	Due: Welcome to Mastering Geography & Intro to Vocab, labeling, sorting	
2	GIS maps I20-26 Intro Reading check	Merchants of Doubt	Merchants of Doubt	Merchants of Doubt	Chapter 1
3	Ch 1 Reading check	Chapter 1	Chapter 1	Chapter 2 Reading check	Chapter 2
4	Chapter 2	Chapter 3 reading check	Chapter 3	Chapter 3	Exam
5	Chapter 5 Reading check	Chapter 5	Video	Video	Chapter 6 Reading check
6	Chapter 6	Chapter 6	Chapter 7 Reading check	Chapter 7	Chapter 7
7	Exam 2	Chapter 8	Chapter 8 Reading check	Chapter 8	Chapter 8
8	Chapter 8	Chapter 8	Chapter 8	Chapter 9 Reading check	Chapter 9
9	Chapter 11 Reading check	Chapter 11			
10	Chapter 11	Chapter 14 Reading			
<b>Finals</b>	<b>Final Exam</b>				

**General Education Category and Outcomes:**

The gen-ed curriculum is designed to expose students to a variety of disciplines and ways of thinking and knowing about the world. Successful completion of this course will enhance your:

2. content knowledge (increased vocabulary, content, and conceptual knowledge in sociology)
3. critical thinking (identify and explain issues, recognize contexts and assumptions, acknowledge multiple perspectives, evaluate evidence to reach conclusions)
4. cultural and behavioral knowledge (demonstrate reflective knowledge and analytical judgments about the self, other cultures, and human behavior).

**University Writing Requirement Outcomes:** N/A

Writing Center Statements:

***For on-campus courses***

The Writing Center provides a place — physical or virtual — where every EOU writer can find an interested, responsive reader. Writing tutorials are free of charge for EOU's undergraduate and graduate students who

are writing for any course at any level, or who are writing resumes, job letters, graduate applications, and more. Go to [eou.mywconline.com](http://eou.mywconline.com) to schedule an appointment in the Writing Center (Loso Hall 234).

### ***For online or on-site courses***

The Writing Center provides a place — physical or virtual — where every EOU writer can find an interested, responsive reader. Writing tutorials are free of charge for EOU students writing for any undergraduate course. Go to [EOU's eTutoring page](#) to submit a paper to a writing tutor.

### ***For graduate courses***

The Writing Center provides a place — physical or virtual — where every EOU writer can find an interested, responsive reader. Writing tutorials are free of charge for EOU students writing for any graduate course. Go to [EOU's eTutoring page](#) to submit a paper to a writing tutor. Click on [Graduate Students How To](#) for information about tagging your submission.

## **Classroom Decorum:**

### **Academic Misconduct Policy:**

Eastern Oregon University places a high value upon the integrity of its student scholars. Any student found responsible for an act of academic misconduct (including but not limited to cheating, unauthorized collaboration, fabrication, facilitation, plagiarism or tampering) may be subject to having his or her grade reduced in the course in question, being placed on probation or suspended from the University, or a combination of these. (Please see the Student Handbook online at <http://www.eou.edu/sse/student-handbook/>).

### **Accommodations/Students with Disabilities policy:**

Any student who feels he or she may need an accommodation for any type of disability, must contact the Disability Services Office in Loso Hall, Room 234. Phone: 541-962-3081.

### **Disclaimer:**

This standard syllabus provides only general information on the course. For those enrolled in the course a detailed syllabus will be provided by the Instructor at the beginning of the term. Please keep in mind that not all courses are offered every year. Consult Webster for scheduling information.

## **Date:**