PREREQUISITES:

None

COURSE OVERVIEW:

Examination of spatial dimensions of culture, emphasizing patterns of selected cultural elements—language, religion, population, settlement, political and economic landscapes, and human/environment interactions.

METHODS OF COURSE INSTRUCTION:

All material for this course is print-based. Instructor and students communicate and exchange materials through postal mail. You may submit your assignments as e-mail attachments, but your graded assignments will be returned to you by postal mail.

TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES:

Jordan-Bychkov, Terry, Mona Domosh, et al. *The Human Mosaic: A Cultural Approach to Human Geography*. 12th ed. W. H. Freeman, 2011. [ISBN: 9781429240185]

NUMBER OF LESSONS:

The course has 11 lessons, including a midcourse examination and final examination. These lessons include:

- Lesson 1: Human Geography: A Cultural Approach
- Lesson 2: Many Worlds: Geographies of Cultural Difference
- Lesson 3: Population Geography: Shaping the Human Mosaic
- Lesson 4: The Geography of Language
- Lesson 5: Midcourse Examination Information
- Lesson 6: Ethnic Geography; Political Geography
- Lesson 7: The Geography of Religion
- Lesson 8: Agricultural Geography
- Lesson 9: The Geography of Economics: Industries, Services, and Development
- Lesson 10: Urbanization: The City in Time and Space; Urban Mosaic
- Lesson 11: Final Examination Information

Note that some of these lessons are divided into multiple parts.

TYPES OF WRITING ASSIGNMENTS:

The writing assignments at the end of each lesson consist of short-answer questions that check your understanding of the concepts presented and your ability to analyze how those concepts are applied. In some cases, you will be asked to create or analyze a map. Following the chapter questions, you will find an application section of one or more questions. Answer those and return the answers as part of your lesson. The application questions help you to apply the concepts to a specific national example.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Your final grade will be determined by your grades on the submitted writing assignments and the two examinations, as follows:

Submitted Assignments	20%
Midcourse Examination	40%
Final examination	40%
TOTAL	100%