

World Geography

HIS0950

Course Description

World Geography provides an overview of Earth's places, cultures, and environments. The course will provide an overview of geographical study, including climate, weather, regions, and resources. It will delve into a detailed analysis of Earth's world regions, including the United States & Canada, Latin America & the Caribbean, Europe, Russia & Central Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa & Southwest Asia, South & Southeast Asia, East Asia, and Australia & the Pacific. Students will also analyze the characteristics of different segments of the world's population, including topics such as standard of living, urban development, and migration and cultural diffusion. The course will conclude with a study of the impact of globalization and political divisions.

Rationale

World Geography is intended to provide students with knowledge of the world's different regions and cultures, as well as the necessary skills to think geographically.

Prerequisite

None

Biblical Integration Outcomes

- A. The student will articulate how a biblical worldview, including God's sovereignty and His control of the world, can be applied to geography and issues regarding shifts in climate and culture.

Measurable Learning Outcomes

- A. The student will analyze historical, geographical, and economic factors that influence the world.
- B. The student will examine the effect of climate, weather, and human action on the earth's surface.
- C. The student will identify the different cultural and physical characteristics that can divide regions.
- D. The student will identify natural, human, and capital resources and examine their significance.

- E. The student will analyze the physical, economic, and cultural characteristics of various world regions, including the United States & Canada, Latin America & the Caribbean, Europe, Russia & Central Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa & Southwest Asia, South & Southeast Asia, East Asia, and Australia & the Pacific.
- F. The student will analyze demographic and cultural characteristics of the human population as well as patterns of urbanization.
- G. The student will examine the impact of globalization and political divisions.

Course Materials

See LUOA's [Systems Requirements](#) for computer specifications necessary to operate LUOA curriculum. Also view [Digital Literacy Requirements](#) for LUOA's expectation of users' digital literacy.

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- Sixth grade is a "transition" grade in which both NIV® and ESV are used as students are introduced to the ESV translation.

Course Grading Policies

The student's grades will be determined according to the following grading scale and assignment weights. The final letter grade for the course is determined by a 10-point scale. Assignments are weighted according to a tier system, which can be referenced on the Grades Page in Canvas. Each tier is weighted according to the table below. Items that do not affect the student's grade are found in Tier 0.

Grading Scale

A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	0-59%

Assignment Weights

Tier 0	0%
Tier 1	25%
Tier 2	35%
Tier 3	40%

In order for students to receive credit for a course, the following conditions have to be met:

1. All semester exams and module tests have to be completed,
2. All Tier 3 projects or papers have to be completed, and
3. Fewer than 10 zeros exist in the gradebook for blank submissions in a full credit course, 5 zeros for blank submissions in a semester course, and 3 zeros for blank submissions in a quarter course.

Course Policies

Students are accountable for *all* information in the [Student Handbook](#). Below are a few policies that have been highlighted from the Student Handbook.

Types of Assessments

To simplify and clearly identify which policies apply to which assessment, each assessment has been categorized into one of four categories: Lesson, Assignment, Quiz, or Test. Each applicable item on the course Modules page has been designated with an identifier chosen from among these categories. Thus, a Quiz on the American Revolution may be designated by the title, "1.2.W Quiz: The American Revolution." These identifiers were placed on the Modules page to help students understand which Honor Code and Resubmission policies apply to that assessment (see the Honor Code and Resubmission policies on the pages that follow for further details).

- **Lesson:** *Any item on the Modules page designated as a "Lesson"*
These include instructional content and sometimes an assessment of that content. Typically, a Lesson will be the day-to-day work that a student completes.
- **Assignment:** *Any item on the Modules page designated as an "Assignment"*
Typical examples of Assignments include, but are not limited to, papers, book reports, projects, labs, and speeches. Assignments are usually something that the student should do his or her best work on the first time.
- **Quiz:** *Any item on the Modules page designated as a "Quiz"*
This usually takes the form of a traditional assessment where the student will answer questions to demonstrate knowledge of the subject. Quizzes cover a smaller amount of material than Tests.
- **Test:** *Any item on the Modules page designated as a "Test"*
This usually takes the form of a traditional assessment where the student will answer questions to demonstrate knowledge of the subject. Tests cover a larger amount of material than Quizzes.

Resubmission Policy

Students are expected to submit their best work on the first submission for every Lesson, Assignment, Quiz, and Test. However, resubmissions may be permitted in the following circumstances:

- **Lesson:** Students are automatically permitted two attempts on a Lesson. Students may freely resubmit for their first two attempts without the need for teacher approval.
- **Assignment:** Students should do their best work the first time on all Assignments. However, any resubmissions must be completed before the student moves more than one module ahead of that Assignment. For example, a student may resubmit an Assignment from Module 3 while in Module 4, but not an Assignment from Modules 1 or 2. High School students may not resubmit an Assignment without expressed written permission from the teacher in a comment.
- **Quiz:** Students may NOT resubmit for an increased grade.
- **Test:** Students may NOT resubmit for an increased grade.

If a student feels that he or she deserves a resubmission on a Lesson, Assignment, Quiz, or Test due to a technical issue such as a computer malfunction, the student should message his or her teacher to make the request, and that request will need to be approved by a Department Chair.

Consequences for Violations to the Honor Code

Every time a student violates the Honor Code, the teacher will submit an Honor Code Incident Report. The Student Support Coordinator will review the incident and allocate the appropriate consequences. Consequences, which are determined by the number of student offenses, are outlined below:

- **Warning:** This ONLY applies to high school Lessons and elementary/middle school Assignments and Lessons. Students should view these actions as learning opportunities.
 - **Lessons:** A zero will be assigned for the question only.
 - **Elementary/Middle School Assignment:** The student must redo his or her work; however, the student may retain his or her original grade.
- **1st Offense:**
 - **Lesson, Quiz, or Test:** The student will receive a 0% on the entire assessment.
 - **Assignment:** The student will either:
 - Receive a 0% on the original assignment
 - Complete the Plagiarism Workshop
 - Retry the assignment for a maximum grade of 80%
- **2nd Offense:** The student will receive a 0% and be placed on academic probation.
- **3rd Offense:** The student will receive a 0% and the Faculty Chair will determine the consequences that should follow, possibly including withdrawal from the course or expulsion from the academy.

Materials Selection Policy

LUOA curates educational materials that are consistent with the school's philosophy; however, the fallen human condition depicted in literature (as in Scripture itself) is not always pleasant. Valuable works sometimes have objectionable or profane elements. Good books provide four (4) recognized values.

- They build godly attitudes and character traits.
- They deepen our social and cultural awareness.
- They strengthen our use of written language.
- They provide a lifelong source of enjoyment and relaxation.

In order to instill these values in students and fulfill the stated objectives of the school, all LUOA students are expected to read and study good books on a regular basis. Recognizing that materials designed for one level may not be appropriate for another, three (3) levels of criteria are applied:

- Elementary materials must contain no objectionable material,
- Objectionable elements in sixth through eighth-grade materials must be limited and must serve a specific educational purpose, and
- Objectionable content may be included in high school materials but must be outweighed by positive literary, curricular, and/or Christian value.

Department chairs have approved required educational materials for students.

Scope and Sequence

World Geography

Module 1: Introduction to Geography

- Introduction to Geography

Module 2: Climate, Weather, and People

- Climate, Weather, & People

Module 3: Regions & Resources

- Regions
- Resources

Module 4: The United States & Canada

- The United States & Canada

Module 5: Latin America & the Caribbean

- Latin America & the Caribbean

Module 6: Europe

- Europe

Module 7: Russia & Central Asia

- Russia & Central Asia

Module 8: Africa & Southwest Asia

- Sub-Saharan Africa
- North Africa & Southwest Asia

Module 9: South, Southeast & East Asia

- South & Southeast Asia
- East Asia

Module 10: Australia & the Pacific

- Australia & the Pacific

Module 11: Population: Distribution, Migration & Culture

- Population & Culture

Module 12: Globalization & Conflict

- Globalization
- Global Conflict