

**NorthWest Arkansas Community College**  
**Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Education and**  
**Wellness, Legal and Protective Services**

**GEOG 2313 (World Regional Geography)**

**Catalog Description:**

This course surveys the major geographic regions of the world, considering the differences that set one realm apart from another environmentally, socially, politically, and economically. The meaning of "development" is considered and used in comparing the various regions in the context of diversity and globalization.

**Suggested Prerequisite:**

None

**Credit Hours/Contact Hours/Load Hours:**

3/3/3

**Target Audience / Transferability:**

This course is designed for students seeking an Associate of Arts degree and for students transferring to the University of Arkansas. GEOG 2313 will transfer to the University of Arkansas and most four-year institutions with a comparable course.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students will:

- Understand key geographic themes, concepts, generalizations and methods.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the perspectives, subject matter and skills of geography.
- Understand the use of maps, globes, charts, and other graphic material in geographic inquiry.
- Distinguish the worldwide spatial distributions of landforms, climate, vegetation, soils and other natural resources.
- Distinguish the worldwide spatial distributions of major demographic, cultural, economic, and political attributes.
- Investigate the differences between the developed and lesser-developed areas of the world.
- Understand the knowledge of locations and their characteristics as a key in understanding human (global) interdependence.
- Link geographic concepts of regional development to current social, cultural, environmental, political, and economic issues facing the world.
- Apply a development perspective to explore causes, characteristics, consequences of underdevelopment, and spatial legacies of colonialism.

**Topics:**

- World's Constituent Regions and Countries: Europe, North America, South America, Sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa/Southwest Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia, and the Pacific Realm
- Analysis of World Geographic Interactions and Developments: Population, Politics, Economics, Urban, and Environmental Perspectives
- Developed, Less Developed, and Underdeveloped Regions
- Map Interpretation of Geographic Realms and Regions
- Natural Environment and Resources
- Contemporary Global Issues and World Affairs

**Forms of Assessment:**

The Department of Social Sciences is committed to ensuring our students come away from our courses with a good general understanding of the material, and more specifically, achieving the college-wide

objectives. (Students can read selections at the appropriate level of education and describe the main idea and supporting details. Students can evaluate written material objectively. Instructors will utilize the course textbook and possible outside readings for a better understanding of each topic). The Assessment Committee determines which of the many college-wide learning outcomes each course is to test. Each discipline decides upon the testing method for the semester.