

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

**GEOG 1013 (Introduction to Geography)**

**Catalog Description:**

This course is an introduction to the broad field of geography, covering both physical and cultural elements of geography. This course introduces students to the discipline of geography, its basic principles and major concepts, tools, techniques, and methodological approaches. Emphasis is on concepts

**Prerequisites:**

None.

**Credit Hours/Contact Hours/Load**

**hours:** 3/3/3

**Learning Outcomes:**

The main goal of this course is to educate students in the contents and methods of environmental and human geography, regional geography, geospatial technologies and the nature of geography as an academic and professional discipline. By the end of the semester, students will have a thorough understanding of geography as a discipline and importantly, why “geography matters”. Students successfully completing this course will:

1. Demonstrate understanding of the methods social scientists use to explore social and environmental phenomena.
2. Employ analytical and interpretive analysis; and knowledge of major concepts, models and issues in the discipline of geography.
3. Explain spatial relations and interactions of human societies and environments at local, regional and global scales.
4. Analyze and evaluate scholarly writing within the discipline

To accomplish these objectives, the course will integrate lectures, readings, and other multimedia. Lecture notes and readings will provide background information on the fundamental concepts underlying geographical issues, while exercises will provide an opportunity to further develop specific analytical skills to solve spatial problems.