

**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. A sampling of regions studied includes North America, Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, Southwest Asia, Europe, the Russian Domain, and Central and East Asia, Southeast Asia, and Australia.

**Prerequisites:**

None.

**Credit Hours/Contact Hours/Load**

**hours:** 3/3/3

**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