**Cultural Geography**

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| Rowan University |
| *Semester*: Fall 2019 |
| *Days*: Monday and Wednesday |
| *Time*: 11:00am – 12:15pm |
| *Room*: Robinson 315L |
| *Instructor*: Mrs. Christa Pullion |
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1. **Course Description**

This course will introduce students to the study of geography as a social science by emphasizing the relevance of geographic concepts to human problems. A theme in this course is a tension between two important realities of the twenty-first century world – globalization and cultural diversity. We are living in a more unified world economically, culturally and environmentally.

1. **Objectives of the Course**

The course will examine geographic processes and phenomena as they relate to people’s relationships with their environment. A spatial focus will be used to locate cultural activities and search for patterns, distributions and the underlying meaning of these factors. Students will apply the topics to their own lives in an effort to understand the world around them. This course will hopefully encourage students to travel and learn. An understanding of geographic principles can make many experiences of the world more vivid and valuable.

* What basic concepts to geographers use?
* Where are people located in the world?
* How are different cultural groups distributed?
* How do people earn a living in different parts of the world?
* What issues result from using Earth’s resources?

1. **Attendance Policy**

Regular attendance and active participation in class are essential to successfully complete this course. Attendance is recorded during each class. Students are allowed two (2) unexcused absences. Each unexcused absence after the two permitted will reduce the participation grade by one point. Absences will be excused with a doctor’s note or in the case of a family or personal emergency. Late arrivals and early departures will be penalized after the third arrival/departure. Personal situations and concerns may be addressed with your instructor. Please check your email regularly for updates.

1. **Teaching Methods**

Class participation is required of all students. Although this is a lecture-based course, there will be emphasis on discussion, demonstration, and question/answer. It is expected that students come prepared to class by reading the text and reviewing notes. We will also watch a few educational video clips to bring geography to life and give a visual perspective. Therefore, attendance in class is very important. Additionally, it is expected that students review the material on their own to prepare for the next class.

1. **Materials**

*Required Textbook:*

**Contemporary Human Geography**, Plus MasteringGeography with eText -- Access Card Package, 3rd Edition Rubenstein (2016)

*Internet Access*

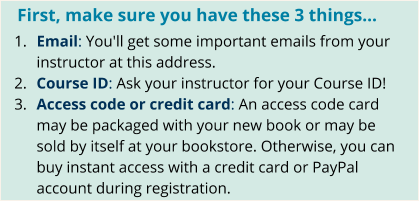
* BlackBoard – Rowan University
* MasteringGeography.com

*MasteringGeography* is an online homework, tutorial, and assessment program designed to work with *Contemporary Human Geography*to engage students and improve results. Interactive, self-paced coaching activities provide individualized coaching to keep students on track. With a wide range of visual and media-rich activities available, students can actively learn, understand, and retain even the most difficult concepts.

*Course Website: Masteringgeography.com*

Course ID: CULTURALGEOROWANFALL2019

**Get Started with Pearson’s Mastering Geography & Meteorology**



# Next, get registered and join your course!

1. Go to [**Pearson Mastering Geography & Meteorology webpage**](https://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/masteringgeography/).
2. Under **Register Now**, select **Student**.
3. Confirm you have the information needed, then select **OK! Register now**.
4. Enter your instructor’s **Course ID** (CULTURALGEOROWANFALL2019 ), and choose **Continue**.
5. Enter your existing Pearson account username and password and select **Sign in**. You have an account if you’ve ever used a Pearson MyLab & Mastering product, such as MyLab Math, MyLab IT, or Mastering Chemistry.
   * If you don’t have an account, select **Create** and complete the required fields.
6. Select an access option.
   * Enter the access code that came with your textbook or was purchased separately from the bookstore.
   * Buy access using a credit card or PayPal account.
7. From the “You’re Done!” page, select **Go to My Courses**.
8. Select **Yes** and enter your **Course ID** to join your course. Click **Continue**.
9. If asked, enter your **Student ID** according to the instructions provided and click **Continue**. That’s it! You should see the course home page for the course.

# To sign in later:

1. Go to [**Pearson Mastering Geography & Meteorology webpage**](https://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/masteringgeography/) and select **Sign In**.
2. Enter your Pearson account username and password from registration, and select **Sign In**.
   * If you forgot your username or password, select **Forgot your username or password?**

# To join another course for the same textbook (no additional purchase needed):

1. Sign in with the username and password that you specified during registration.
2. Select **My Courses** in the upper left and then choose  .
3. Enter the **Course ID** from your instructor and click **Continue**.
4. If asked, enter your **Student ID** according to the instructions provided and click **Continue**.
5. To switch courses, select **My Courses** from the course menu (left side).
6. Select any active course link that appears below **Switch to another course**.
7. The next time you sign in to Mastering, your course view will match the last course you chose.

*If you have a technical issue:* Contact [**Pearson Support**](https://support.pearson.com/getsupport/s/).

Supplemental Readings

Supplemental readings will be handed out in class or will be available online. It is your responsibility to properly prepare for class. When using the internet, please use reliable, factual and accurate sources.

1. **Course Grading/Evaluation**

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| Exams | 45% |
| Quizzes and Assignments from MasteringGeography.com | 20% |
| Attendance and Participation | 5% |
| Research Assignment – Country Case Study (to be assigned at the end of the semester) | 10% |
| Final Exam | 20% |

Exams: There will be three exams during the semester. Each exam is worth 15% of the overall grade. Exams will be timed and will check for understanding of main ideas. You will have sixty minutes to complete the exam in one sitting. They are due by the start of the next class period on the date listed below. Once the due date passes there will be ***no make-up exams***. Each exam will cover concepts and principles from prior classes and will consist of multiple choice, true/false and short answers.

Exam Topics:

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| Exam | Topics | Due Dates |
| 1 | Population and Health  Migration  Folk and Popular Culture  Languages | 10/7 |
| 2 | Religion  Ethnicity  Political Geography  Development | 11/4 |
| 3 | Food and Agriculture  Industry  Service and Settlement  Urban Patterns  Resources | 12/4 |
| FINAL | Cumulative | 12/16 |

Quizzes: You will be asked to complete weekly quizzes and assignments on the textbook website. These assignments will be brief and will check for understanding from the readings and lectures. They can be found by logging in to the MasteringGeography.com website.

Attendance/Participation: Students can learn as much from each other as they do from the instructor. Get involved in class: ask questions, help each other, be prepared, and apply concepts. You are here to learn, not to spend the time on your smartphone. Computers are only permitted for taking notes or reviewing PowerPoint slides from class. Surfing the web is not an option!!

Country Assignment: You will select a country as a case study. A research paper will be assigned to apply the topics we have learned to that specific country. The outline and rubric will be available on BlackBoard. This will be due by the end of the semester and worth 10% of the overall grade.

Final Exam: The final exam will be worth twenty percent of the overall grade. The exam is cumulative and will cover all of the topics discussed. ***There will be no make-up final exams; it is your responsibility to know the date and time of this exam.***

1. **Schedule**

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| **Week**  **Dates** | **Topic** | **Assignments Due** |
| 9/4 | Introduction  Overview | Purchase text, log in to Mastering Geography  Read Chapter 1  Take online quiz – due 9/11 |
| 9/9, 9/11 | Population and Health | Online Quiz due 9/16 |
| 9/16, 9/18 | Migration | Online Quiz due 9/23 |
| 9/23, 9/25 | Folk and Pop Culture | Online Quiz due 9/30 |
| 9/30, 10/2 | Languages | Online Quiz due 10/7  Exam 1 due on Bb by 10/7 |
| 10/7, 10/9 | Religion | Online Quiz due 10/14 |
| 10/14, 10/16 | Ethnicity | Online Quiz due 10/21 |
| 10/21, 10/23 | Political Geography | Online Quiz due 10/28 |
| 10/28, 10/30 | Development | Online Quiz due by 11/4  Exam 2 due on Bb by 11/4 |
| 11/4, 11/6 | Food and Agriculture | Online Quiz due 11/11 |
| 11/11, 11/13 | Industry | Online Quiz due 11/18 |
| 11/18, 11/20 | Service and Settlement  Urban Patterns | Online Quiz for both chapters due 11/25 |
| 11/25, 11/27 | Resource Issues | Online Quiz due 12/4  Exam 3 due on Bb by 12/4 |
| 12/2, 12/4  12/9 | Country Assignment  Maps  Final Exam Review | Country Assignment due by 12/9  Final Exam next week |
| 12/16 | Final Exam |  |

\*This syllabus is subject to change

Use of electronic devices for reasons that are not related to the course is not permitted.

Rowan Statement of Accommodations- Your academic success is important. If you have a documented disability that may have an impact upon your work in this class, please contact me. Students must provide documentation of their disability to the Academic Success Center in order to receive official University services and accommodations. The Academic Success Center can be reached at 856-­‐256-­‐4234. The Center is located on the 3rd floor of Savitz Hall. The staff is available to answer questions regarding accommodations or assist you in your pursuit of accommodations. We look forward to working with you to meet your learning goals.

Rowan Policy regarding academic honesty:

The academic integrity policy can be found in detail at the following website:

<https://confluence.rowan.edu/display/POLICY/Academic+Integrity+Policy>

It is expected that all students read and adhere to this policy.

Statement regarding use of the Rowan Success Network powered by Starfish - The Rowan Success Network powered by Starfish® is designed to make it easier for you to connect with the resources you need to be successful at Rowan. Throughout the term, you may receive email from the Rowan Success Network team (Starfish®) regarding your academic performance. Please pay attention to these emails and consider taking the recommended actions. In addition, utilize the RSN's scheduling tools to make appointments at your convenience for advising, tutoring and more. Additional information about RSN may be found atwww.rowan.edu/rsn.