Geography 102: World Geography
Montana State University-Billings
Spring 2006

Instructor: Susan J. Gilbertz, Ph.D.  Hours: M 11:45-12:45
Office: LA 211  T 10:00-12:00 + 2-3:30
W 11:45-12:45

Course Description: This course focuses on the realms and regions of the world with an emphasis on human and environmental geography, social issues, political systems, economic development, culture and natural resources. The course introduces geography, the discipline that links the study of human societies and natural environments. The students will study all regions of the world.

Course Objectives: Successful completion of the course should prepare students to:
   a) Identify nation states from all regions of the world.
   b) Identify nation state details, such as capital cities, rivers, mountain ranges, etc.
   c) Identify key social, political, economic, cultural and natural resources associated with each region of the world.
   d) Recognize and identify important landscape elements from world regions.

Required Texts:
   b) Mapping Workbook.

Semester Evaluation:

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<td>Map Workbook (26 maps)</td>
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*Merit Project: The Merit Project is optional, but all students are encouraged to complete the project. The project is a pictorial essay (notebook) wherein students provide pictures (clipped from magazines or downloaded from the Internet, with citations) of the capital cities of at least 10 nation states. The 10 entries must identify the city and the nation, and must be accompanied by a paragraph description, written by the student, which explains current US relations with each nation (see US State Department website). This project can earn each student as much as 1.5% toward their semester grade. Only projects void of typographical, mechanical and grammatical errors will be considered for full credit.
**Student Accommodations:** Every effort is made to insure students’ abilities to perform at their best. Students should inform the instructor within the first two weeks of the semester of any special accommodations that will be needed in order to insure their success, including any necessary or suggested accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Students whose grades on the first examination are below 70% should schedule an appointment to see the instructor during office hours.

**Missed Exams:** Students are not allowed to take “make-up” examinations unless prior arrangements have been made, or unless proper documentation of a University Excused absence is presented within one week of the missed examination.

**Academic Dishonesty:** All forms of academic dishonesty, including cheating on examinations and plagiarism, are forbidden. Students caught engaged in such actions will be immediately dismissed from the course and grade of “F” will be assigned for the semester.

**Cell Phones:** Please turn off your cell phones during class lectures.

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**Tentative Course Schedule**

*Due to research obligations this semester, Dr. Gilbertz will not attend a number of class sessions. Some of these sessions are dedicated to educational films, and others are dedicated as examination days. Students must anticipate that some test questions will be based on the videos watched in class.*

**Week 1: Jan 16-20**
- M- No classes: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- W- Course Introduction
  
  **UNIT 1**
  - F- Lecture 1: Globalization and Diversity (Chapter 1)
  - F- Lecture 2: The Changing Global Environment (Chapter 2)

**Week 2: Jan 23-27**
- M- Lecture 3: The Changing Global Environment
  - VIDEO: Trading places: regional trade blocs and world trade (25 min)
- W- Lecture 4: North America
- F- Lecture 5: North America, Cont.

**Week 3: Jan 30- Feb 3**
- M- Lecture 6: (VIDEO) The Urban Explosion (60 min) (Journey to Planet Earth) (Gilbertz Collecting Research Data)
- W- Exam # 1—Chapters 1, 2, 3 plus lectures and videos. (Gilbertz Collecting Research Data)
  
  **UNIT 2**
  - F- Lecture 7: Latin America (Chapter 4)
Week 4: Feb 6-10
M- Lecture 8: Latin America, Cont.  
   VIDEO: Destination Paraguay (20 min)
W- Lecture 9: The Caribbean  (Chapter 5)
F- Lecture 10: Sub-Saharan Africa  (Chapter 6)

Week 5: Feb 13-17
M- Lecture 11: Sub-Saharan Africa, Cont.  
   VIDEO: Destination Lesotho (22 min) (South Africa)  
   VIDEO: The Magic Tree: A Tale from the Congo (10 min)
W- Lecture 12: (VIDEO) Cuba: The Children of Fidel (60 min)  
   (Women of Latin America)  
   (Gilbertz Collecting Research Data)
F- Exam #2—Chapters 4, 5, 6 plus lectures and videos  
   (Gilbertz Collecting Research Data)

Week 6: Feb 20-24
M- No Classes: President’s Day

UNIT 3
W- Lecture 13: Southwest Asia and North Africa  (Chapter 7)
F- Lecture 14: Southwest Asia and North Africa, Cont.  
   VIDEO: Hidden Wars of Desert Storm (if available)

Week 7: Feb 27-Mar 3
M- Lecture 15: Europe  (Chapter 8)
W- Lecture 16: Europe, Cont.  
   VIDEO: Destination Lithuania (22 min)
F- Lecture 17: Russian Domain  (Chapter 9)

Week 8: Mar 6-10
No Classes: Spring Break

Week 9: Mar 13-17
M- Lecture 18: Russian Domain, Cont.  
   VIDEO: (The New Russia) The Kuzbass (20 min)
W- Lecture 19: Russian Domain, Cont.  
   VIDEO: (The New Russia) The Volga River (20 min)  
   VIDEO: (The New Russia) Steppes of Caucasus (20 Min)  
   (Gilbertz Collecting Research Data)
F- Exam #3—Chapters 7, 8, 9 plus lectures and videos  
   (Gilbertz Collecting Research Data)
### Week 10: Mar 20-24

**UNIT 4**

- **M-** Lecture 20: Central Asia *(Chapter 10)*
- **W-** Lecture 21: Central Asia, Cont.
  - VIDEO: *Destination Kyrgyzstan* (22 min)
- **F-** Lecture 22: Central Asia, Cont.
  - VIDEO: *Tibetan Buddhism: politics, power, and the birth of the Dalai Lama* (46 min.)

### Week 11: Mar 27-31

- **M-** Lecture 23: East Asia *(Chapter 11)*
- **W-** Lecture 24: East Asia, Cont.
- **F-** Lecture 25: East Asia, Cont.
  - VIDEO: *(The Silk Road)* *A Thousand Kilometers Beyond the Yellow River*

### Week 12: Apr 3-7

- **M-** Lecture 26: (Slides) “Living in China”
- **W-** *Exam #4—Chapters 10, 11 plus lectures and videos*
- **F-** Maps and Merit Projects Workday
  - (Gilbertz in Butte with EVST Fieldtrip)

### Week 13: Apr 10-14

**UNIT 5**

- **M-** Lecture 27: South Asia *(Chapter 12)*
  - VIDEO: *Destination Sri Lanka* (15 min)
- **W-** Lecture 28: South Asia, Cont.
  - VIDEO: *Destination Nepal* (10 min)
- **F-** No Class—Mini Break

### Week 14: Apr 17-21

- **M-** Lecture 29: Southeast Asia *(Chapter 13)*
- **W-** Lecture 30: Southeast Asia, Cont.
- **F-** Lecture 31: Australia and Oceania *(Chapter 14)*
  - FILM: *Destination, Marshall Islands* (20 min) (Pacific Ocean)

### Week 15: Apr 24-28

- **M-** Global Perspectives Revisited
  - Film: *20th century with Mike Wallace. Terrorism against Americans* (50 min)
- **W-** Global Perspectives Revisited—Gilbertz Research Project Described
  - *Mapping Notebook Due*
  - *Merit Projects Due*
- **F-** No Classes—Reading Day

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**Exam 5:**  *Chapters 12, 13, 14 plus lectures and videos*

*Monday, May 1, 2005—10:00-11:50*