

Course Code: GEO 143 (IAI S4 902N)

Course Title: Geography of Underdeveloped Areas

Department: Arts, Media, and Social Sciences

Effective Date: Summer 2026

PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer

CIP Code: 45.0701

Repeatability: 0

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 3-0-3

Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

Total: 3

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Survey of technologically underdeveloped regions of the world: spatial arrangements of population, human institutions, economic activities, and cultural landscapes.

General Course Objectives

To study regional geography of the developing countries.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
None	Placement out of CCS 098	None

Prerequisites

None

Methods of Evaluation

Student will be evaluated by 3 objective tests and 5-10 map quizzes. Exams 25%, Quizzes 30%, Discussions 30%, and in-class assignments 15%.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

World Regional Geography, Caitlin Finlayson. <https://pressbooks.pub/worldgeo/>

Prisoners of Geography, Tim Marshall. 9781501121470

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.
- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Regional Studies - Developing Areas	1. Identify the natural resources of different geographic areas.	7	0	0
Latin America	1. Identify the natural resources of Latin America in terms of land forms, waters, vegetation, climate, and mineral deposits.	7	0	0
Sub-Saharan Africa	1. Identify the natural resources of Sub-Saharan Africa in terms of land forms, waters, vegetation, climate, and mineral deposits.	7	0	0
North Africa and the Middle East	1. Identify the natural resources of North Africa and the Middle East in terms of land forms, waters, vegetation, climate, and mineral deposits.	7	0	0
Developing Asia	1. Identify the natural resources of Developing Asia in terms of land forms, waters, vegetation, climate, and mineral deposits.	7	0	0
Discussion of Each Region Based On Current Physical and Cultural Issues	1. Recognize the cultural landscape of each geographic area in terms of: a. Race b. Language c. Religion d. Economy e. Political System. 2. Outline the criteria that identify a country as developed or underdeveloped: a. Economic Criteria b. Social Criteria. 3. List the symptoms of underdevelopment and the obstacles to economic development; list and describe economic activity. 4. List goals of national development. 5. List causes of underdevelopment: a. Define a core area. b. Define a periphery area. c. Recognize the core-periphery relationship.	10	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
45	0	0