**Sample Syllabi**

**Planning Your Class**

Before you get down to the details, it’s a good idea to think about the end of the semester and what you want students to learn as a result of this experience. Then, consider the workload, for the students and yourself. Because there are many ways to organize a course in world regional geography, each instructor will choose topics that they believe to be the most essential. This textbook was designed to allow for flexibility of interests and emphasis. For example, some instructors find the geography of North America and Middle America to be most relevant; others might focus more on the geography of Europe, East Asia, and Southeast Asia, while others are more interested in the geography of North Africa and Southwest Asia.

This overview provides sample syllabi (15-week, 10-week, and 8-week courses) along with suggestions and ideas for individual assignments, discussion questions, and quizzes/exams. These resources are designed to make it easy to adapt and adjust to your preference.

**Sample Course Schedule: 15-week class**

The following is a suggested syllabus for a 15-week class. It assumes the class is a 3-credit course and meets twice a week. The schedule can be easily adjusted for a different class meeting schedule and/or to your preferred focus. If your focus is on a specific region, you can add an extra class or week to that chapter, while reducing a class to another chapter, or skipping a chapter altogether.

It includes:

Reading of textbook *World Regional Geography: People, Places, and Globalization*

2 exams—Mid-term and Final

13 map quizzes

13 online or in-person discussion questions

3 individual assignments

Locations of map quizzes and discussion questions are included in the “Geography Exercise” and “Discussion and Study Questions” in the appropriate sections of each chapter of the textbook, respectively. The individual assignments can come from the “Activities” at the end of appropriate sections of a specific chapter.

**Course Schedule: 15-week class**

| **Week** | **Textbook Reading** | **Discussion Question Assignments** | **Individual Assignments** | **Quizzes/**  **Exams** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Chapter 1—Introduction to the World | Discussion Questions 1 | Activities of Chapter 1 | **Map Quiz 1** |
| 2 | Chapter 2—Europe | Discussion Questions 2 | — | **Map Quiz 2** |
| 3 | Chapter 3—Russia | Discussion Questions 3 | — | **Map Quiz 3** |
| 4 | Chapter 4—North America | Discussion Questions 4 | — | **Map Quiz 4** |
| 5 | Chapter 5—Middle America | Discussion Questions 5 | — | **Map Quiz 5** |
| 6 | Chapter 6—South America | Discussion Questions 6 | — | **Map Quiz 6** |
| 7 | Chapter 7—Subsaharan Africa | Discussion Questions 7 | Activities of Chapter 7 | **Mid-term Exam**  **Map Quiz 7** |
| 8 | Spring/Fall Break | - | - | **-** |
| 9 | Chapter 8—North Africa and Southwest Asia | Discussion Questions 8 | Activities of Chapter 8 | **Map Quiz 8** |
| 10 | Chapter 9—South Asia | Discussion Questions 9 | — | **Map Quiz 9** |
| 11 | Chapter 10—East Asia | Discussion Questions 10 | — | **Map Quiz 10** |
| 12 | Chapter 11—Southeast Asia | Discussion Questions 11 | — | **Map Quiz 11** |
| 13 | Chapter 12—Australia and New Zealand | Discussion Questions 12 | — | **Map Quiz 12** |
| 14 | Chapter 13—The Pacific and Antarctica | Discussion Questions 13 | — | **Map Quiz 13** |
| 15 | Final Exam |  | — | **Final Exam** |

**Sample Course Schedule: 10-week class**

The following is a suggested syllabus for a 10-week class. It assumes the class is a 3-credit course and meets twice a week. The schedule can be easily adjusted for a different class meeting schedule and/or to your preferred focus. If your focus is on a specific region, you can add an extra class or week to that chapter, while reducing a class to another chapter, or skipping a chapter altogether.

It includes:

Reading of textbook *World Regional Geography: People, Places, and Globalization*

2 exams—Mid-term and Final

13 map quizzes

13 online or in-person discussion questions

3 individual assignments

Locations of map quizzes and discussion questions are included in the “Geography Exercise” and “Discussion and Study Questions” in the appropriate sections of each chapter of the textbook, respectively. The individual assignments can come from the “Activities” at the end of appropriate sections of a specific chapter.

**Course Schedule: 10-week class**

| **Week** | **Textbook Reading** | **Discussion Question Assignments** | **Individual Assignments** | **Quizzes/**  **Exams** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Chapter 1—Introduction to the World | Discussion Questions 1 | Activities of Chapter 1 | **Map Quiz 1** |
| 2 | Chapter 2—Europe | Discussion Questions 2 | — | **Map Quiz 2** |
| 3 | Chapter 3—Russia  Chapter 4—North America | Discussion Questions 3 & 4 | — | **Map Quizzes 3 & 4** |
| 4 | Chapter 5—Middle America  Chapter 6—South America | Discussion Questions 5 & 6 | — | **Mid-term Exam**  **Map Quizzes 5 & 6** |
| 5 | Chapter 7—Subsaharan Africa  Chapter 8—North Africa and Southwest Asia | Discussion Questions 7 & 8 | Activities of Chapters 7 & 8 | **Map Quizzes 7 & 8** |
| 6 | Chapter 9—South Asia | Discussion Questions 9 | — | **Map Quiz 9** |
| 7 | Chapter 10—East Asia | Discussion Questions 10 | — | **Map Quiz 10** |
| 8 | Chapter 11—Southeast Asia | Discussion Questions 11 | — | **Map Quiz 11** |
| 9 | Chapter 12—Australia and New Zealand  Chapter 13—The Pacific and Antarctica | Discussion Questions 12 & 13 | — | **Map Quizzes 12 & 13** |
| 10 | Final Exam |  | — | **Final Exam** |

**Sample Course Schedule: 8-week class**

The following is a suggested syllabus for an 8-week class. It assumes the class is a 3-credit course and meets twice a week. The schedule can be easily adjusted for a different class meeting schedule and/or to your preferred focus. If your focus is on a specific region, you can add an extra class or week to that chapter, while reducing a class to another chapter, or skipping a chapter altogether.

It includes:

Reading of textbook *World Regional Geography: People, Places, and Globalization*

2 exams—Mid-term and Final

13 map quizzes

13 online or in-person discussion questions

3 individual assignments

Locations of map quizzes and discussion questions are included in the “Geography Exercise” and “Discussion and Study Questions” in the appropriate sections of each chapter of the textbook, respectively. The individual assignments can come from the “Activities” at the end of appropriate sections of specific chapters.

**Course Schedule: 8-week course**

| **Week** | **Textbook Reading** | **Discussion Question Assignments** | **Individual Assignments** | **Quizzes/**  **Exams** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Chapter 1—Introduction to the World  Chapter 2—Europe | Discussion Questions 1 & 2 | Activities of Chapter 1 | **Map Quizzes 1 & 2** |
| 2 | Chapter 3—Russia  Chapter 4—North America | Discussion Questions 3 & 4 | — | **Map Quizzes 3 & 4** |
| 3 | Chapter 5—Middle America  Chapter 6—South America | Discussion Questions 5 & 6 | — | **Mid-term Exam**  **Map Quizzes 5 & 6** |
| 4 | Chapter 7—Subsaharan Africa  Chapter 8—North Africa and Southwest Asia | Discussion Questions 7 & 8 | Activities of Chapters 7 & 8 | **Map Quizzes 7 & 8** |
| 5 | Chapter 9—South Asia Chapter 10—East Asia | Discussion Questions 9 & 10 | — | **Map Quizzes 9 & 10** |
| 6 | Chapter 11—Southeast Asia | Discussion Questions 11 | — | **Map Quiz 11** |
| 7 | Chapter 12—Australia and New Zealand  Chapter 13—The Pacific and Antarctica | Discussion Questions 12 & 13 | — | **Map Quizzes 12 & 13** |
| 8 | Final Exam |  | — | **Final Exam** |