I. Course Title:  World Geography

II. Course Number:  GEOG 300

III. Credit Hours:  3

IV. Prerequisites:  None

V. Catalog Description:

The course examines human or cultural geography with a global perspective. It uses a topic centered approach. It is intended to give the student an appreciation of the interaction between physical geography, environment, and cultural practices.

VI. Curricular Relationships:

VII. Course Objectives:

Students will:

- Identify major geographic regions defined by variance in human behavioral patterns.
- Discriminate between geological, environmental, and cultural influences on behavioral patterns.
- Identify cultural choices and the physical and environmental constraints on those choices.
- Explain past and current theories in geography.
- Identify and explain current global trends.
- Produce scholarly essays concerning the above.

VIII. Content Outline:

The following topics will be covered although the order may vary:

- The scope of geographic studies.
- Population patterns and processes.
VI. Course Procedures:

The instruction will consist of lectures, discussions, and student presentations. Lectures will be used to present issues and topics concerning the theory and practice of geography. Various techniques will be employed to engage students in discussions of the concepts and their experience with them. Students will be required to report on or make a presentation to the class on an area study.

Students will be evaluated on up to two essays, the presentation of an in-depth study, and an objective final examination. In the essays students will describe, analyze, and/or criticize hypothetical or actual examples of human behavioral patterns in their geographic contexts.

The in-depth study will focus on a country or region that has recently drawn world attention. The student will analyze the geography of the region and, where appropriate, relate it to that behavior that has drawn the attention.

Students will be given the option of rewriting any written submissions to improve their score.

Grading Scale:

(Based on a percentage score)
A - 90% or above
B - 80% - 89%
C - 70% - 79%
D – 60% - 69%
F – Below 60%
X. Required/Recommended Readings:

Students will read a comprehensive textbook and materials appropriate to complete the in-depth regional study.

XI Any Issues Unique to this Course:

The theme of globalization underlies the structure of this course.

XII Additional Issues of the Department's Choosing: