Instructor Information

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Course Information

Our class meets twice a week for lectures and discussion, Monday and Wednesday 10:40-12:05. Online quizzes are open on Blackboard along with some other assignments. Each chapter module contains a PowerPoint presentation and a pre-quiz to help study for the major tests.

Catalog Description

GEOG 2310   Cultural Geography   (ACTS # GEOG 2113)  
This course examines various cultures, dynamics of resource utilization and patterns of economic development. Prerequisites: ENGL 1311  
3 credit hours

Course Materials


Mission Statement

University of Arkansas – Pulaski Technical College provides access to high-quality education that promotes student learning and enables individuals to develop to their fullest potential.
Institutional Learning Outcomes and General Education

UA-PTC supports a college-wide institutional learning assessment program which concerns effective instructional methods and promotes student learning achievement by assessing:

1. Communication
2. Critical Thinking
3. Cultural Awareness
4. Information Literacy
5. Professionalism
6. Quantitative Literacy
7. Technology Literacy

For more information, please consult the following website: https://uaptc.edu/sla

Department / Program Learning Outcomes

The Social Science Department, consistent with the College’s mission and the Division’s objectives, encourages the success of its students in all technical fields and academic disciplines by promoting:

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PLO 1 Students will examine a given historical event, issue, or individual to identify and discuss the impact of intellectual, political, religious, social, or cultural factors.

PLO 2 Students will compare and contrast two civilizations, individuals, social or political movements, ideas, time periods, religions, governments, economic systems or ideologies.

Student Learning / Course Outcomes

ACTS 1. Develop skills in acquiring, communicating, and applying cultural knowledge.
2. Identify and acquire knowledge of resources and their uses.
3. Develop an understanding of the social, political, cultural, and economic forces that shape our world.
4. Analyze and understand cultural patterns and development.

Study Skills used in the Social Sciences
1. Note-taking from reading and lectures.
2. Reading to acquire knowledge.
3. Chronology: organizing information by time
4. Understanding thematic approaches to Social Sciences
5. Use of evidence in argumentation and critical thinking
6. Writing for Social Sciences to communicate understanding.
7. Understanding the historical approaches in geography

Policies Report a Complaint or Concern

UA-PTC takes very seriously complaints and concerns regarding the institution. Most complaints or concerns of a specific nature should be initiated and resolved at the campus level through normal college processes whenever possible. UA - Pulaski Technical College receives and resolves complaints using a variety of methods. To report a complaint or concern, please follow the link below.

https://www.uaptc.edu/report-a-concern-complaint

UA-PTC Attendance Policy

Education at UA-PTC requires students’ active involvement in the learning process. Thus, students are expected to attend all classes and actively engage in all learning assignments and/or opportunities provided in their classes. Class attendance should be treated as mandatory by all students as attendance will be taken by all instructors during the first two weeks of class. Additionally, a written policy on student attendance that is tied to course objectives and included in a course syllabus will be provided for each course by instructors.

Departmental Attendance Policy

If you are enrolled in this class, then you are expected to attend every scheduled class meeting. Students with excessive absences (more than four (4)) will lose five (5) points from the total grade for each additional absence.

MAKE-UP AND ASSIGNMENTS/TEST POLICY:

1. It is the student’s responsibility to acquire information about work that has been missed due to absence
2. Classroom assignments (issued and completed during class time) may not be made up. Activities during class, such as presentations, are also not made up.
3. All assignments are due the following class date or on a stated due date. No exceptions. Any assignments missed due to an excused absence (determined on a case-by-case basis) are due the next class date.
4. No emailed work will be accepted unless discussed prior to hand or as stated as part of the assignment. Assignments may be required to be posted to Blackboard.
5. It is the student’s responsibility to acquire all lecture notes from a fellow student, not from the instructor.
6. Make-up exams will be given on a case-by-case basis, by appointment only, by the next class session. Students will receive a zero for exams which are not made-up. Absences requiring make-up tests must be excused absences (doctor’s note, etc.) Online quizzes should be completed by their due dates.

7. Only one exam will be taken per student, no second chances.

8. Computer use and access is the responsibility of the student. Computers are available in labs on various locations throughout campus. Printing can also done in the computer labs.

9. Students are responsible for checking Blackboard announcements regarding dates and deadlines. Again, the due dates that show in the home page for Blackboard may be inaccurate. Check with Course Content.

10. Be prompt in entering class. Late entry causes disruption and distraction. It will result in a lower attendance score. You will need to discuss tardies with me. Attendance will be counted for points in gradebook.

Non-Attendance Policy:
Agencies granting financial assistance may be notified of the violation of the attendance policy by students receiving financial aid.

Students who attend class and are enrolled are officially counted for ADHE purposes. Many students, for a number of reasons, quit attending. Administrative Drops will be done only after the second or third week of semester. Any student who does not attend class within the first two weeks of class will be considered a “no show” and will be reported as such and dropped from class. IF ACCEPTANCE OF WORK BY THE DIVISION OFFICE RESULTS IN LOST WORK, IT IS THE STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE INSTRUCTOR AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. ANY WORK MUST BE HANDED IN TO THE INSTRUCTOR, UNLESS OTHERWISE DISCUSSED.

Course Policies

The UA-PTC Catalog rules and regulations will be enforced in this course at all times. Please consult the following website for more information: https://www.uaptc.edu/catalog

Professional behavior is required. Punctual attendance and intelligent participation are expected. Particulars as determined by the instructor are detailed in the paragraph below. Appropriate behavior is expected for all communications, including any notes, email messages, or telephone conversations. Some guidelines for communication are included in this syllabus to help you. All courses conducted by this instructor are based on the First Amendment rights of expression. While those rights are protected, students are expected to behave and communicate in a professional manner conducive to the exchange of ideas found in an academic environment. Rude, hurtful and bigoted language and expressions will not be tolerated.
1. Courteous classroom behavior is expected at all times, be considerate of the class. Behavior problems will be referred to the Dean of Social Sciences; students who misbehave can be dismissed from the class and considered absent.

2. All assignments are due the following class date or on a stated due date with no exceptions. Assignments missed due to an excused absence (determined on a case-by-case basis) are due the next class date.

3. Under extreme circumstances (determined on case-by-case basis/dire emergency), students may be allowed to turn in late work. Assume that no late work will be accepted.

4. Cell phone use during class time is prohibited and may result in the ejection of a student from class. Forgetting or oversleeping is not a dire emergency.

5. Children are not permitted in the classroom.

6. Follow all make-up policies.

7. College email and computer usage should follow college policies.

8. No cheating or plagiarism will be tolerated, and will result in an F on the assignment. A student could be put out of class for cheating or plagiarism.

9. Computer use and access is the responsibility of the student. Blackboard use is required for quizzes, discussions, and some assignments, to be posted/submitted by deadlines.

10. Students are responsible for checking Blackboard announcements regarding dates and deadlines.

**Grading Policy**

Letter grades will be based on the following scale:

- 90 to 100%  A
- 80 to 89%  B
- 70 to 79%  C
- 60 to 69%  D
- 0 to 59%  F

Grades are calculated on the accumulation of points, including all homework, quizzes, and tests. Points will be posted on the test or assignment. Tests generally are worth between 100- 200 points (or 100-200% of the number of test questions) or 400-600 points. There should be three tests and a comprehensive final exam unless the schedule is altered by the instructor. The mid-term grade will be based on the total of the first and second tests plus any assignments and quizzes given. Quizzes may be given in class without announcement. These are not made up if the student is absent. Generally in-class quizzes and in-class assignments are worth 5-10 points unless otherwise announced. Fourteen quizzes are online corresponding to the chapters from our text. Check Blackboard for changes. These may be between 140 and 150 points. Points will be assigned to homework and discussed in class. Assignments will be due on the next class date unless otherwise stated.
As stated, all missed work and tests can be made up if the absence is excused (as determined on a case-by-case basis—dire emergency—by the instructor). Oversleeping or forgetting is not excused. The student must have a doctor’s note (for themselves—not other people) to excuse illness. The student is responsible to make arrangements with the instructor for making up the exam within the next class period.

The syllabus and schedule may be altered by the instructor at any time. Grading may be changed as announced. Instructors have one week to provide feedback and post grades for all assignments unless otherwise noted by a departmental policy that has been approved by the Dean of the School. Plagiarism or cheating/copying, etc., is not tolerated and will result in a zero for the assignment and possibly a zero for the course grade.

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In an online class, eligibility for Financial Aid is based on student participation. Logging into the course does not constitute participation. For purposes of roster certification, students must complete a gradable attendance artifact.

Students will lose five (5) points for each absence over the four (4) allowed. It is the responsibility of the student to withdraw from class, if needed, after the first two weeks of school and the establishment of attendance.

**Academic Integrity**

It is expected that all students who attend UA-PTC conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for the college experience. Academic integrity is a vital component of collegiate behavior. The UA-PTC catalog states, “The gaining of knowledge and the practice of honesty go hand-in-hand.”

The catalog also states, “The responsibility and authority of initiating discipline arising from violations of the rules against dishonesty during the process of the course are vested in the instructor of that course.” Plagiarism or cheating/copying, etc., is not tolerated and will result in a zero for the assignment and possibly a zero for the course grade. Plagiarism: If you take someone else’s work and submit it word-for-word as your own, then you have plagiarized. You must put answers in your own words. Note that it is still plagiarism even if you write something like: “Our book says…,” “On Google it says…,” or “—Tindall and Shi, page 785. True, you are providing a source from which you found the answer, but it really is not your answer; the answer was written by someone else and all you did was copy it. Again, this is plagiarism. Students will receive no points for the first academic integrity violation and will receive an F for the second. For examples and pointers on avoiding plagiarism, go to the Course Content, look under Course Resources, and read the “Plagiarism.” file.

The complete Academic Integrity Policy is in the UA-PTC code of conduct.

**Accommodation Policy**
Services for Students with Disabilities: UA-PTC is committed to fulfilling all federal requirements as stated in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the American with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008. Accommodations are available to students who have documented disabilities. Students who request accommodations must register with the Disability Services Office (Main Campus: 501-812-2738 or South Campus: 501812-2862) and must provide current and relevant documentation.

Students requesting accommodations should inform the instructor at the beginning of the course or as soon as accommodations are approved. It is the student's responsibility to provide their Accommodation Letter to the instructor. Accommodations are not retroactive and will only be provided once your instructor receives the Accommodation Letter.

**Student Code of Conduct**

All students are expected to abide by the UA-PTC Student Code of Conduct. For the full Student Code of Conduct, access the most current version of the UA-PTC Academic Catalog. http://uaptc.azurewebsites.net/docs/default-source/course-catalog/2017-18-academiccatalog.pdf?sfvrsn=a08a3038_2

Students are expected to behave in a professional manner. The role of education is to prepare one for the business world. Kindness and courtesy should be extended to all others in the classroom.

**Sexual Misconduct**

No person at Pulaski Technical College will, on the basis of gender, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to sex discrimination, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct under any education program or activity. All college administrative policies and procedures regarding sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct are in compliance with Title IX. Students who feel they are victims of sexual misconduct should contact the UA-PTC Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Students:

Michelle Anderson, Director of Student Life and Leadership
Campus Center Building Room 216
501-812-2756
manderson@uaptc.edu

**Course Evaluations**

Students may be asked to evaluate their instructor and course near the end of the semester. These student evaluations are very important to the improvement in the quality of instruction and course materials. All results are anonymous and shared with the faculty only after the semester is over and grades have been posted.

**Information Literacy**
UA-PTC is committed to the Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education as established by the Association of College and Research Libraries and endorsed by the National Forum on Information Literacy. Therefore, all courses will incorporate an information literacy component so that, by graduation, all students will be able to recognize the need for information, then locate, evaluate, synthesize, and communicate information in an ethical manner. Information literacy encompasses critical thinking, research, media, technology, health, business, and visual literacy skills to produce lifelong learners who can make informed decisions in the workplace and in their personal lives.
# Tentative Course Schedule

## Course Schedule/Course Content 2017

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**Final Exam Schedule**: *Week of May 6, 2019 at 10:30 AM*

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Course Agreement Form

Read, complete, and return to instructor:

I have read the course syllabus for Dora Bradley Cultural Geography class at Pulaski Technical College, and I understand its content. I also understand the rules for the class, and I will follow and abide by these rules, including those relating to attendance, assignments, grading criteria, plagiarism, and behavior.

Semester

Date

Print name

Signature

UA-PTC Email address

Textable Telephone Number