

San José State University
Department of Urban and Regional Planning, College of Social Sciences
Geography 112: Nations, Cultures, and Territorial Disputes

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Join from PC, Mac, Linux, OS or
Android: <https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/81105034045>

Click on the above link during my office hours, and it will put you in a virtual waiting room, and the host (me) will let you in ASAP.

Class Days/Time: On-line

Classroom: On-line, Canvas

Prerequisites: Passage of the Writing Skills Test (WST), Upper Division Standing (60 units)
Completion of Core General Education

GE/SJSU Studies Category: Area V

Course Format

Online

This course is an online only course. No in-person class meetings are required. Access to a computer with a reliable Internet connection as well as a word processing program (such as MS Word) are required. The course is through Canvas learning management system. Informatr4(f4()-24)15(r)forur4(f4()-24)1525()8]g pr

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Course Requirements:

Chapter Quizzes [70%]: At the end of every Chapter, there is a 15 question multiple choice quiz. The quizzes are open Etext, so feel free to consult the text for answers. You will have two chances for every answer with your second answer being worth only 5 points. Thus, please remember that for every time that you try to answer the question after your first attempt, you will not receive full points.

Ch D S W H U 3 - R X U Q Da of Discussions [14%]: For every chapter that we cover, there are 12 responses (12 per chapter). Thus, you will be required to respond to EACH of these responses with at least three to four well written sentences, which demonstrate that you have read the material and thought deeply about it. You will receive 1 point per Chapter out loud to yourself and spellcheck it before submitting it.:

The Discussions include the reading of very interesting articles written by CQR Press, which cover current, important, and pressing issues around the world. They can be access via the left side of our class Canvas site. Throughout the duration of the term you are to read and respond to the prompts/ question for 7 of the 12 Discussion Modules. I want you to write about 300 words in each response. Your response will be posted for the read of the class to see and read. So please be thoughtful, professional, and respectful in your discussion responses. You will receive one point for each Discussion response, for a total of 7 points.

Course Essay [16%]: There is a course paper required for this course a short essay (about 2-3 pages) based on your learning and understanding of select current world issues as a result of this class (and other relevant outside experiences). Per our Canvas Course site, you will have a choice of writing on ONE of two designated topics, which include the following: 1. Global Trade Relations, 2. The Struggle for Global Supremacy. The final paper/exam is worth 16 points or 16% of your final grade. More details on this assignment will be available via our Canvas course site later in the term.

Assignment	Points (% of Total)
Quizzes (7)	10 points each (70% total)
& Discussions (7)	2 pts total (1 per Chapter Journal Response & 1 per each Discussion response) (14%)
Course Essay	16 points (16%)
Total	100 (100%)

Final Examination or Evaluation

The final exam (Chapter 11 Quiz) will be online on Thursday, December 8, and based on course materials from Chapter 11 of the required online text.

Grade Scale

Percent	Letter Grade	Percent	Letter Grade
95-100	A	77-79	C+

90-94	A-	74-76	C
87-89	B+	70-73	C-
84-86	B	60-69	D
80-83	B-	<60	F

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Grading Policies: A strong performance in all areas of assessment is necessary to achieve the highest grade in this course. Please remember that this course must be passed with a C or better as a CSU graduation requirement.

Please remember that success in this course is based on the expectation that you will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally three hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships and clinical practica.

Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.

For more information see [University Syllabus Policy S110](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S110.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S110.pdf>.

[Syllabus Information web page](#)

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
2	8/22	Chapter 1 Journ