

San José State University
Department of Urban and Regional Planning, COSS
Geography 112: Nations, Cultures, and Territorial Disputes, Summer 2022

Course and Contact Information

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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. <http://www.sjsu.edu/at/ec/canvas>

Course Description

Geography 112 is an SJSU Studies course in Area V: Culture, Civilization, and Global Understanding. Courses in this area should give students an appreciation for human expression in cultures outside the U.S. and an understanding of how that expression has developed over time. The courses should also increase students' understanding of how traditions and cultures outside the U.S. have influenced American culture and society, as well as how cultures in general both develop distinctive features and interact with other cultures. Specifically, this course is a geographic exploration of some of the most pressing contemporary world issues in politics, economy, security, human-environment relations and the interaction of cultures. Reading and writing assignments, and short chapter film clips are all used to gain a better understanding of these complex problems and their geographic dimensions. Students will develop their ability to think critically, independently, relationally, and contextually, and to communicate their views effectively, particularly in writing.

Learning Outcomes - Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

LO1 Compare systematically the ideas, values, images, cultural artifacts, economic structures, technological developments, and/or attitudes of people from more than one culture outside the U.S. (First, second, third, and fourth Journal responses, and chapter quizzes)

LO2 Identify the historic context of ideas and cultural traditions outside the U.S., and how they have influenced American culture. (First, second, third, and fourth Journal responses, and chapter quizzes)

LO3 Explain how a culture outside the U.S. has changed in response to internal and external pressure. (First, second, third, and fourth Journal responses, and chapter quizzes).

Required Text:

Payne, R. (2017) *Global Issues: Politics, Economics, and Culture* 5th Edition. Pearson.

ISBN: 9780134625454

Must purchase Revel Access~~ia~~ Pearson (our book publisher) via our class Canvas website.

Prerequisites and Requirements

- Passage of the Writing Skills Test (WST)
- Upper Division Standing (60 units)
- Completion of Core General Education
- You are responsible for understanding the politics and procedures about add/drops, academic renewal, withdrawal, etc. found at:

<http://www.sjsu.edu/studentconduct/docs/Student%20Conduct%20Code%202013.pdf>

Writing: The minimum writing

Date	Topic/Reading	Assignments	Due
6/1-6/5	Ch. 1 Global Issues	Chapter 1 Journal Responses & Chapter Quiz	