



2019--2020 COURSE SYLLABUS

GEOGRAPHY (SGS110) ETHNIC STUDIES

Geography / Ethnic Studies is the social studies course required for 9th grade students in the Sacramento City Unified School District. As an interdisciplinary introduction to social studies, the course provides the foundation for the later study of World and United States History, Economics, and Government. Over the totality of the course students will explore both world geography and geography closer to home in California, also the people of various world regions and California and their experiences from an ethnic studies perspective. This course will introduce and develop skills that will be needed in subsequent social studies classes such as mapping and analyzing a variety of maps, analyzing social change over time, and comparing and contrasting diverse cultures and ethnic groups.

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Use the class website frequently to see upcoming due dates, class materials, or to see what was missed due to absence

<https://sites.google.com/site/pereirapace9sacramento/>

Grades will be kept in infinite Campus

TEXTBOOK

Primary Text: *World Geography* (McDougal Littell) c. 2003, Arreola, Daniel; Smith-Deal, Marci; Petersen, James F.; and Sanders, Rickie.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

There is a detailed supply list on the website at Posting 002

GRADING POLICY

All assignments are worth points and grades will be calculated based on the amount of points earned. The value of each assignment indicates the relative importance. For example, a quiz might be worth 10, and test worth 50, showing that the test is a higher priority in the overall grade. Work will be divided into categories (assignments, quizzes, tests, projects, etc.). The grade is not weighted, a point in one category is equal to a point in any other category. **The purpose of categories in this class is to see where improvement is needed if the overall grade is low.**

The class will use the district standard grading scale:

A= 100% - 90% B= 89% - 80% C= 79% - 70% D= 69% - 60% F= 59% and below

COURSE OBJECTIVES

In addition to general geographic skills and skills in the above course description, students in Geography / Ethnic Studies will learn throughout the semester / year: reading comprehension and analysis, writing in defense of an argument, developing a thesis and defending a thesis with evidence, evaluating the validity of sources of evidence, working in groups, and public speaking.

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