

Course title	World Regional Geography
Course code	Geog2007
Credit points	3
ECTS credit points	4.50
Total Contact Hours	48
Number of hours for lectures	32
Number of hours for seminar and practical for Assignment	16
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Course abstract

Course Objectives: to Provide an understanding of the key themes of contemporary thought and the Geographical Develop an appreciation of the Comparison and connection with Latvian problem. The purpose of the course: 1) to learn the layout of the global nature and human Geographical factor; 2) To be acquainted with the world region Geographical Differences and similarities; 3) Promote the Latvian Development and Research at the global level.

Results

Successful completion of the course, students will gain:

knowledge:

- understanding of the regional geography and its place in the system of science in geography;
 - Knowledge of the geographical regions of the world differences and reciprocal links;
 - in-depth knowledge of the regions of the world, their citizens and their economy.
- skills:
- skills in defining regional differentiation;
 - Competence of the world's regional division, population and economic development of a regional arrangement;
 - competence in regions of the world most topical political, economic and demographic problems, and solutions.

Course plan

Course structure: Lectures - 32 hours., Practical work - 16 hours.

Lecture topics:

1. Introduction to the course "Regional geography of the World."
2. The concept of the Region and its interpretation of diversity.
3. Regional geography of development of history and overview of the national school characteristics.
4. The traditional and alternative approaches to regional geographical research.
5. Geographical research scale levels and regional geographical research program.
6. World natural geographical regions and global environmental problems of regional manifestations.
7. Globalization, regionalization and localization process interaction.
8. World civilizations and historical regions.

9. World Regions actual problems, their causes and possible solutions.
- 10 Latvia regional geography point of view and national regional breakdown.
- 11 European territories geographical differentiation and regional breakdown.
12. The European Union - brightest of today's world an example of regionalization.
- 13 Regions of the country was based.
- 14 Northern Region.
- 15 Central European region.
- 16 Commonwealth of Independent States.
- 17 Asian Regional breakdown characteristics.
- 18 Characteristics of selected Asian sub-regions.
19. African regional division problems.
- 20 Middle East and North Africa.
- 21 Australia and Oceania.
- 22 American regional breakdown.
- 23 North American general characteristics.
- 24 General characteristics of Latin America.

Practical work themes:

1. Introduction to course content acquisition used literature and other sources of information.
- 2 World Political Map of the regional and national division.
- 3 Latvian regional characteristics and territorial reform issues.
4. Seminar "Latvian regional geography matters".
5. Geonomenclature learning and knowledge test.
6. Individual European sub-regions Comparative characteristics.
7. Individual regions of the world Comparative characteristics. 8. Seminar "World regional geographical characteristics."

Requirements for credits

During the semester worked and counted all the course program provided practical lessons and seminars, successfully passed two tests, written exam on course completion.

Basic training

1. Blija HJ, Murphy AB Human Geography: Culture, Society and Space. Sixth Edition.- NY: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1999th
- 2 World Geography Atlas. 9.izdevums.- Riga: Jana Seta, 2004th
3. Pulsipher LM World Regional Geography.- NY: WH Freeman and Company, 2000th
4. D. Waugh Geography An Integrated Approach. Third Edition.- UK Nelson Thorne, 2002nd 5. Алисов Н., Хорев Б. Экономическая и социальная география мира. - М.: Гардарики, 2001.
6. Мироненко Н. Страноведение: теория и методы.- М.: Аспект Пресс, 2,001th

Further reading

- 1 Boniface B., Cooper C. Worldwide Destinations: The Geography Of Travel And Tourism.Third Edition.- Butterworth- Heinemann, 2,001th
2. The Family of Man. Peoples of the world, how and WHERE They live. -NY.: Hamlyn House, 1986th
3. Fellman, J., A. Goethe, Goethe J. Human Geography: Land of Human Activities. Second Edition.- NY: Wm.C.Brown Publishers 1990th
4. Jankevics J., Z. Melbārde World Geography vidusskolai.- R.: Penguin Books, 2,001th

5. Northern nature. Natural diversity in a changing environment. Editors: Hallanaro EL Pylvanainen
M., Spunģis V.- Copenhagen: Nordic Council of Ministers, the 2,001th
 6. Колосов В., Мироненко Н. Геополитика и политическая география.- М.: Аспект- Пресс, 2,001th
 7. Кузнецов А. География. Население и хозяйство мира.- М.: Дрофа, 1997th
 8. Максаковский В. Географическая картина мира. Часть 2 Региональная характеристика мира.- Ярославль: ВВКИ, 1995th
 9. Родионова И. Политическая карта мира.- М.: Московский Лицей, 2,001th
 10. Состояние мира 1999: Доклад института World Watch о развитии по пути к устойчивому обществу.- М.: Весь мир, 2000th
 11. Страны и народы. Научно-популярное географо-этнографическое издание в 20 томах.- М.: Мысль, 1978-1985.
 12. Холина В. География человеческой деятельности.- М.: Просвещение 1995
 13. Яковец Я.Глобализация и взаимодействие цивилизаций.-М.: Экономика 2001.
- Periodicals and other sources of information
"National Geographic"
"Geo"
"Terra" «Вокруг света»
Remarks
Academic bachelor study program "Environmental Science" Part A