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Online Course Information Form

Course Number: GEOG2003

Course Title: Introduction to Geography

Course Description: An introductory course in the basic concepts of geography that emphasizes regional, cultural, and environmental issues.

Instructor: Robert Gunnels, Dan Milam, or Patricia Sindle

Instructor Bio:

Robert Gunnels has been employed by SAU Tech since 1996 as an instructor of social sciences and most recently as Vice Chancellor for Instruction. M.A. Auburn University; B.S. Southern Arkansas University

Dan Milam is a faculty member at SAU Tech where he teaches history, government, and geography. Previously he taught social studies at Holy Redeemer Schools in El Dorado, Arkansas. M.A. Louisiana Tech University; B.S.E. University of Arkansas

Patricia Sindle is the Director of Counseling and Testing for the Student Services Department at SAU Tech. She is an adjunct instructor for the College's World History and Geography Internet courses. M.S.E. Henderson State University; B.S.E. Ouachita Baptist University

Prerequisite: Appropriate ACT or equivalent score on alternate test, CO0133 and CO0223.

Textbook Title: *Globalization and Diversity: w/Mapping Workbook*, Rowntree, 1st edition, Pearson Education Publishers

Learning Outcomes:

1. The student will demonstrate by scoring 70% or higher on examinations, lessons, and assignments that he/she can recognize the significant Physical, Economic, and Cultural aspects of Geography.
2. Students will also demonstrate analytical and critical thinking skills within a body of knowledge that is the science of Geography and the social science fields.
3. General Education Competencies covered in this course are: #1: Writing, #3: Social Sciences, #4: Critical Thinking, and #5: Research.

Teaching Methodology, including description of interaction between student and instructor:

This course is divided into four units of study covering physical, human, environmental, and political world geography. Students read assigned textbook materials and Internet resources, complete assignments consisting of key terms and review questions, write a short essay for each unit on a nation of choice, and participate in discussion board topics. Students are required to maintain contact with the instructor regarding their progress through each unit or with questions concerning assignments. The instructor responds to student assignment submissions with comments and grades.

Methods of Testing:

Four unit exams and proctored comprehensive final exam. All exams are delivered via Blackboard.

Enrollment Procedures:

Non-degree seeking students applying for admission to SAU Tech must submit an application for admission, appropriate placement test scores or, if applicable, official college transcript(s) with proof of Composition I and Intermediate Algebra (having earned a letter grade of "C" or better).

Full-time degree seeking students and part-time degree seeking students applying for financial aid applying for admission to SAU Tech must submit an application for admission, appropriate placement test scores, immunization record (if born after 01/01/1957), high school transcript or GED scores, and official college

transcript(s), if applicable. (Note: Part-time students not applying for financial aid do not have to submit immunization record.)

Students are responsible for all tuition and fees at the time of registration. Students must officially drop by written notice or in person in order to reduce their balance owed. If students never attend class, he/she will still be assessed partial tuition and full student processing fees, unless completely he/she completely withdraws during the 100% refund period.

In order for a student to drop a class, he/she must complete a drop form or send written request to his/her advisor. A \$10 add/drop fee is assessed for adds/drops that take place after classes start.

Special Attendance Requirements (student contact with instructor, proctored examinations, etc.):

The final exam must be taken at an approved proctor site. Visit the college web site at http://www.sautech.edu/web_based_learning/policies/proc_sites.pdf for more detailed information.

Other Considerations (writing ability, assignments/projects, time considerations, etc.):

Students will need Internet access, MS Word, Adobe Acrobat Reader, and the ability to receive and send e-mail attachments.