

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number:** GEO 210      **Credits:** 3

**Course Title:** People and the Land: An Introduction to Cultural Geography

**Course Description:**

Provides an introduction to themes in human geography and the ways in which human geographers study spatial relationships in the world. Emphasizes geospatial tools and concepts to examine global patterns of human demographics, culture, geopolitics, and economic and environmental interdependence through introduction to a broad range of subject matter. This is a Passport and UCGS transfer course. Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in Co-requisites ENG 111 and EDE 11. Lecture 3 hours. Total 3 hours per week. 3 credits

**General Course Purpose:**

This course is designed to meet the requirement for a Social/ Behavioral Science elective. It is a required course for students majoring in Social Science AS - Teacher Prep Specialization or majoring in Liberal Arts Teacher Preparation Specialization. It is also designed for students interested in learning more about the relationship between geography and culture. This course is designed to transfer to most four-year institutions.

**Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- Identify and demonstrate ways in which they have increased their international awareness and understanding;
- Identify and demonstrate multiple ways in which humanity and physical environment interact and interrelate; and
- Demonstrate awareness of regional differences and similarities in human cultural, social, political, and economic development as a response to particular regional environmental factors.

**Major Topics to Be Included:**

- The Nature of Cultural Geography
- Introduction to Maps
- Population Geography
- Languages
- Religion
- Ethnic Geography and Folk Traditions
- Political Geography
- Economic Geography (Agricultural, Industrial, Urban)
- Wealth and Poverty

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