Political and Cultural Geography Syllabus

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Description

A regional approach to the study of contemporary world geography. A consideration of individual countries and their problems as related to the physical and cultural environment. The course objectives are as follows:

1. To familiarize students with geographical concepts and models that promote a better understanding of contemporary world affairs.
2. To develop research skills in political and cultural geography.
3. To encourage students to affirm and apply Christian precepts when dealing with contemporary social and political issues.

Requirements

1. Each student is responsible for all assigned readings as well as special individual or group assignments.
2. Students will be tested on map skills, class lectures, and material covered in reading assignments.
3. Regular attendance and participation in class discussions is expected.
4. Grading: 90-100 = A, 80-89 = B, 70-79 = C, 60-69 = D, below 60 = F.

Reading

Recommended Purchases:
  1986 World Almanac.

Packet of Handouts:
Bethell, Tom. "How to Start a Revolution Without Really Trying."
Chilton, David. "The Basis for Economic Growth."
North, Gary. "Unholy Crusades."
Rivas, Manuel. "U.S. Threatened by Mexico Problems."
Santoli, Al. "Why Viet Cong Flee."
Scott, Otto (1). "Image and Reality."
(2). "India, Indira, and Indignation."
Schlossberg, Herbert. "Idols of Power."
Sowell, Thomas. "Looking Back on the 20th Century."
Tambs, Lewis (1). "Guatemala, Central America and the Caribbean."
(2). "World War III."
Williams, Walter. "The Real World Alternative to Apartheid."

Reserve Desk:
Bauer, P. T. Equality, the Third World, and Economic Delusion.
Chapter 4: "Western Guilt and Third World Poverty."
* Bishop, Vaughn. Comparing Nations. (Abbr: B)
Cornish, Vaughan. Great Capitals.
* Glasser, Ira. Systematic Political Geography, 3rd ed. (Abbr: G)
            (2) The Silent Language. ch. 10.
Ledeen, Michael. Grave New World.
Madison, James. The Federalist, No. 10.
Strausz-Hupe, Robert. Protracted Conflict. (Abbr: S)
### Monday:
1. Reading from Job; Syllabus and Handouts; Pretest; Where in the World?
2. Review Pretest; Overview of the Course; Resources; Biblical Principles; Inescapable Concepts: sovereignty, culture, law.
3. Maps (G. 3)

### Tuesday:
2. Area Study: Paraguay
3. Personal Space and Territoriality (Hall 2, G. 2)

### Wednesday:
1. The State and the Nation (G. 4-5, P. 1, B. 1)
2. The Territory of the State (*G. 7, 10-12, P. 2)

### Thursday:
1. Frontiers and Boundaries (*P. 3, G. 8)
2. Core Areas and Capitals (*P. 7, G. 9, Pounds, Cornish)

### Friday:
1. First Exam
2. Culture and Population (G. 33, P. 5, B. 3, Hall 1)

### Monday:
1. Resources and Power (P. 6, G. 34, B. 11)

### Tuesday:
1. Administrative Areas (P. 8, G. 14-15)
2. International Relations (*P. 9, G. 22)

### Wednesday:
1. International Trade (P. 10, G. 23)
2. Rivers and Landlocked States (*P. 11, G. 25)

### Thursday:
1. Law of the Sea (*P. 4, G. 29-30)
2. International Organizations (*G. 24, 26-27, Rushdoony, P. 12)

### Friday:
1. Second Exam
2. Development of the System of States (B. 2, 12, Dehio)

### Monday:
1. Colonialism (*P. 13, Bauer, G. 18-19, J. 1)

### Tuesday:
1. Introduction to Geopolitics (*G. 16-17, P. 15, S. 1-3)

### Wednesday:
1. Asia and Oceania (*Bethell, *Santoli, Munro, J. 16)

### Thursday:
1. Europe (*J. 17)

### Friday:
1. Forecasts (Freedom House, S. 6, J. 20, Ledeen 6)
2. Final Exam