

World Cultures 1: Western Hemisphere and Europe

SSTH 053 058

Credits: 0.5 units / 5 hours / NCAA

Course Description

This course introduces multicultural studies through the investigation of the physical and human geography, history, and the cultures found on the continents of North America, South America, and Europe (including Russia). Through this course students will develop an understanding of the interactions between geography and the cultures that have influenced the lifestyles and challenges faced by various groups over time throughout these regions. This course will help students gain a greater understanding of their own culture and realize how diverse cultural traditions affect their lives and the lives of others. This course will encourage students to actively participate in the culturally diverse world in which they live.

Graded Assessments: 6 Unit Evaluations; 2 Projects; 3 Proctored Progress Tests, 6 Teacher Connect Activities

Course Objectives

When you have completed the materials in this course, you should be able to:

1. use and understand the skills, tools and technologies used by geographers.
2. make sense of varied physical environments and the impact they have on the human population.
3. explain how selected physical and ecological processes impact the Earth.
4. analyze why people live where they do and what factors affect human movement and interaction.
5. understand the role that a country's history has on their current culture.
6. understand how people make a living in different parts of the world.
7. describe and compare diverse cultural systems.
8. understand reasons for conflict and cooperation in the world today

Course Outline

Unit 1: Geography Essentials

Teacher Connect Activity 1
Lesson 1: Using Geography
Lesson 2: Physical and Human Geography
Unit 1 Evaluation

Unit 2: North America

Lesson 3: Geography and History of North America
Lesson 4: North America Today
Unit 2 Evaluation
Teacher Connect Activity 2
Project 1
Progress Test 1

Unit 3: Central America and the Caribbean

Lesson 5: Geography and History of Central America and the Caribbean
Lesson 6: Central American and the Caribbean Today
Unit 3 Evaluation
Teacher Connect Activity 3

Unit 4: South America

Lesson 7: South American History and Geography
Lesson 8: South America Today
Unit 4 Evaluation
Teacher Connect Activity 4
Progress Test 2

Unit 5: Europe

Lesson 9: History and Geography of Europe
Lesson 10: Europe Today
Unit 5 Evaluation
Teacher Connect Activity 5
Project 2

Unit 6: Russia and the Eurasian Republics

Lesson 11: Geography and History of Russia and the Eurasian Republics

Lesson 12: Russia and the Eurasian Republics Today

Unit 6 Evaluation

Teacher Connect Activity 6

Progress Test 3

Required Textbook and Materials

(available through Follett virtual bookstore at <http://highschool.nebraska.bkstr.com>)

Textbook: National Geographic World Cultures and Geography Survey, 2nd Edition, 2017, Cengage Learning. (ISBN: 9781305967182)