

## Master Syllabus

### GEO 1206 - Appalachian Environment

**Division:** Liberal Arts, Communication and Social Sciences

**Department:** Geography

**Credit Hour Total:** 3.0

**Lecture Hrs:** 3.0

**Date Revised:** October 2013

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### Course Description:

Overview of the various geographic aspects of the rural and urban Appalachian region, including physiography and geology; migration and settlement patterns; historical development and cultural diffusion; and population characteristics and economy.

### General Education Outcomes:

- ▣ Oral Communication Competency
- ▣ Written Communication Competency
- ▣ Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Competency
- ▣ Values/Citizenship/Community Competency
- ▣ Computer Literacy Competency
- ▣ Information Literacy Competency

### Course Outcomes:

#### Physiography and Geology of Appalachia

Describe the topography, climate, water, soils, vegetation, and mineral resources in Appalachia.

**Assessment Method:** Behavioral observations

**Performance Criteria:** discussion and classroom participation should meet 70% of the criteria listed in the general education and divisional outcomes

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:** must achieve at least 70% on written exams

**Assessment Method:** Oral examination

**Performance Criteria:** oral presentation should meet 70% of the criteria established by the general education and oral communication checklist

#### Settlement Patterns and Migration

Analyze historic and current settlement patterns and issues reflected in migration.

**Assessment Method:** Behavioral observations

**Performance Criteria:** discussion and classroom participation should meet 70% of the criteria listed in the general education and divisional outcomes

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:** must achieve at least 70% on written exams

**Assessment Method:** Oral examination

**Performance Criteria:** oral presentation should meet 70% of the criteria established by the general education and oral communication checklist

#### Environmental Concerns

Compare and contrast the past and current environmental threats to both rural and urban Appalachia.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:** must achieve at least 70% or higher on written exams

**Assessment Method:** Oral examination

**Performance Criteria:** presentation should meet 70% of the criteria established by the general education oral communication checklist

#### Economic Conditions

Appraise past and current economic conditions in both rural and urban Appalachia.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:** must achieve 70% or higher on written exams

**Assessment Method:** Oral examination

**Performance Criteria:** oral presentation should meet the criteria established by the general education and oral communication checklist. Student must score 70% or higher.

### Outline:

Migration and settlement patterns  
Landscape (topography), climate, water, soils, vegetation, and mineral resources  
Investigation of the built environment  
Agriculture and industry  
Environmental concerns  
Economic issues