

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

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