

Time and Place: 12:00 – 12:50 p.m. MWF, Evans B11

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TEXT

The World Almanac and Book of Facts 2010, ISBN: 978-1600571237

There will also be supplemental readings from the Internet. Google Maps would be useful and Google Earth would be even more useful if you download and install it on your computer.

COURSE CATALOG DESCRIPTION

(This course is) a study of the principal economic and commercial regions of the Earth. Emphasis is placed on agriculture, water resources, manufacturing, and extracting (mining) centers. The environmental impacts of resource use are given special consideration.

REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

Attendance: Your final grade is affected five percent by attendance. It's very important to attend due to the nature of the course, which among other things involves daily presentations.

Examinations: There will be three examinations, and each counting 25% of your final grade. They will have questions from lectures, almanac presentations, and reading assignments. The final exam will be cumulative and occur at 1 p.m. Wednesday December 15.

Almanac Presentations: Each class period you will present demographic and economic information about two or three of the 198(?) independent states of the world. You will obtain this information mainly from the almanac, but you may supplement this with data from other sources. The almanac contains appropriate information in the section "Nations of the World" from Afghanistan through Zimbabwe. We will maintain these data on a spreadsheet which will be linked from the course web page. Together these presentations will count 25 percent of your total course grade.

Here is a summary of the grading criteria:

Examinations (3) - 75%, Almanac Presentations - 25%, Attendance - +/- 5%

GRADING SCALE FOR FINAL COURSE LETTER GRADE

A	93-100	A-	90-92	B+	87-89	B	83-86	B-	80-82
C+	77-79	C	73-76	C-	70-72	D+	67-69	D	60-66

[Excel file](#) of nations' cumulative demographic data

Links to lecture notes (PDF files)

[Demographics](#)

Introduction to [Resource History](#)

[Energy Sources](#)

[EIA Petroleum Info](#)

[Peak Oil](#)

[Ore Deposits](#)