



World Geography	Teacher: Mr. Jaime A. Rios
Course Syllabus	School Phone: (956) 580-5300
Sharyland High School	Room 210

Course Description:

World Geography is a full term course for students to examine people, places, and environments at local, regional, national, and international scales from the spatial and ecological perspectives of geography. Students describe the influence of geography on events of the past and present with emphasis on contemporary issues. A significant portion of the course centers around the physical processes that shape patterns in the physical environment; the characteristics of major landforms.

Course Outline:

- Unit 1: Geography Tools & Skills
- Unit 2: Physical Geography
- Unit 3: Human Geography
- Unit 4: Change
- Unit 5: Political Geography
- Unit 6: Globalization of Economics

Course Supplies:

- One-Inch White Binder
- Composition Notebook
- Pencils or Pens
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors

Classroom Rules:

- **Be Prepared** - Have materials ready and in your seat by the start of class. Get in the right headspace, and understand that we will be learning and participating in class on a daily basis.
- **Be Respectful** - Always be on time, use appropriate language, and speak after being given permission so as not to interrupt a lesson or discussion. Allow others to express themselves to understand points of view; treat others as you would like to be treated. Clean your workspace and pick up any trash before leaving.
- **Be On Task** - There will always be a Do Now activity to start each lesson on the board, you may begin before the bell rings. Take part in discussions, ask questions and respond when asked.

Classroom Procedures:

- Do Now questions and responses go in the composition notebook. Handouts with notes and study guides will go in White Binder.
- All chapter assignments (vocabulary, activities, handouts, etc.) are due the day after we finish the chapter.
- Assignments can be turned in on paper in class by the end of the school day or Google Classroom on the due date.
- Teacher permission and a hall pass are required to leave the classroom.

Contact information:

Tutorials are available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:15 - 5:15 in Room 210. You may always contact me via Google Classroom.

Course Grading Policy:

The grading scale for the course is as follows:

Class Assignment Grade Weights	
Daily Assignments: <i>Do Now, Notes, Vocabulary, Google Assignments, Activities, Homework, Etc.</i>	40%
Tests, Essays, Projects, Notebook Checks	60%
Course Total:	100%

The following district policies apply to retesting and redoing an assignment:

- “All students will be given up to three additional school days to redo a FAILING MAJOR ASSIGNMENT, but the grade will be no higher than a 70. The teacher has the option of assigning an alternative major assignment and may require additional tutoring, assignments, etc., as appropriate. The teacher will indicate in the gradebook that the assignment was redone. This provision does NOT apply to Pre-AP, Dual Enrollment (taught by Sharyland ISD teachers), or AP students.”
- “All students will be given three additional days (two days for Pre-AP, AP, and DE taught by SISD teachers) to make up LATE MAJOR ASSIGNMENT and may be required additional tutoring, assignments, etc., as appropriate (with a progressive grade penalty of 10 points per day, 15 points per day for Pre-AP/AP/Dual Enrollment, taught by Sharyland ISD teachers). Pre-AP/AP/Dual Enrollment (taught by Sharyland ISD teachers) students will NOT be allowed to submit late minor work.”

Attendance/Make-Up Work:

Daily class attendance is vital to ensuring class success. The following district guidelines apply for make-up work when a student is absent:

- “Students with an EXCUSED ABSENCE from school (including off-campus suspension) will have the opportunity to make up missed work at the rate of one day for one day missed, with a maximum of five days. Students will receive a zero for any major or minor assignment not made up within the allotted time.”
- Students with an UNEXCUSED ABSENCE may not make up missed work; however, if the unexcused absence is determined to be caused by an extenuating circumstance, makeup work may be allowed. The grade for the makeup work will be no higher than a 70.”

Academic Dishonesty:

Academic integrity is fundamental to the activities and principles of our school. “No student shall cheat or copy the work of another. Plagiarism, the use of another person’s original ideas or writings as one’s own without giving credit to the true author, will be considered cheating, and the student will be subject to academic discipline that may include loss of credit for the work in question.”

- *This now includes the use of AI to pass off your work as your own.*