

## UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM

### SECTION III. INTEGRATIVE STUDIES - INTERDISCIPLINARY

1. COURSE NUMBER: **GEOG 300i**

SEMESTER HOURS: **3**

**COURSE TITLE: Geography, People, and the Environment**

Start Date: Fall 2005

Formerly: GEOG 300

Retroactive: To Fall 1996

2. COURSE FORMAT: Lecture. Average lecture size: 70.

3. STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Students will be able to: (a) understand the primary concepts of physical, human, and environmental geography in historical context, emphasizing North America; (2) understand the current predicament of humans on planet Earth in a sustainability perspective with particular reference to agriculture, energy, and water as natural resources systems and ecosystems as environmental service systems; and (c) learn to analyze and draw conclusions from various forms of visual presentations of data such as graphs, diagrams, maps, satellite images, and aerial photographs.

4. DETAILED COURSE DESCRIPTION: An introduction to human and environmental geography with a focus on food production, water and energy resources, and the services provided by Earth's ecosystems as the foundations of human life on Earth. Skillful use of visual information such as maps and satellite imagery and the challenge of sustainability are emphasized.

5. REQUIRED READING: Goode's World Atlas, 20<sup>th</sup> edition; World Resources 2000-01, *People and Ecosystems: The Fraying Web of Life*; Course Packet at 710 Bookstore; one book to be announced (about 400 pages of reading is expected).

6. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:

- Quizzes (10%)
- Mid-Term (25%)
- Essay (25%)
- Final (30%)
- Class Participation (10%)

7. ADVANCED UCC COURSE(S): None

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