

Effective Semester: Spring 2024

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title: Geography of the Pacific Rim

Course Number: GEOG 205

Credits: 3

Total Weeks: 14 (Fall, Spring)
12 (Summer)

Total Hours: 39

Course Level: First Year Second Year
 New Revised Course
 Replacement Course

Department: Humanities

Department Head: P. Best

Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable): N/A

Pre-requisites (If there are no prerequisites, type NONE): Minimum of 3 social science and/or arts courses

Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE): NONE

Precluded Courses: N/A

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Comprising some of the world's most populous countries, the Pacific Rim has emerged as a powerful economic region whose importance in world trade and world affairs is likely to increase more in the future. In this course students will use geographic underpinnings to explore economic trends in the Pacific Rim. Students will also focus on the attendant demographic, social and political changes that are unfolding in the Pacific Rim.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- distinguish among the various regions of the Pacific Rim in terms of physical, historical, cultural, and economic characteristics
- provide reasons why the Pacific Rim is considered a distinct region of spatial integration by geographers
- demonstrate an awareness of how interlinkages among Pacific Rim states have been established over time through a variety of complex spatial interactions
- identify and explain conflicts that exist among and within the various nations of the Pacific Rim account for and make predictions about the emerging international roles of China and India
- understand the principles of regional analysis and how they could be applied to draw geographical insights from other world regions

INSTRUCTION AND GRADING

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other (specify):	
Total	39

Grading System: Letter Grades Percentage Pass/Fail Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Other

Specify passing grade: 50%

Evaluation Activities and Weighting (total must equal 100%)

Assignments: 20% <i>Specify number of, variety, and nature of assignments:</i> Compositions	Lab Work: %	Participation: % <i>Specify nature of participation:</i>	Project: 20% <i>Specify nature of project:</i>
Quizzes/Test: 10%	Midterm Exam: 20%	Final Exam: 30%	Other: % <i>Specify:</i>

TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

Provide a full reference for each text and/or resource material and include whether required/not required.

Weightman, B. (2011). *Dragons and Tigers: A Geography of South, East, and Southeast Asia*. 3rd ed. Wiley & Sons.

Barter, S.J. (2017). *The Pacific Basin*. Routledge.

Connell, J. & Lee, H. (2018). *Change and Continuity in the Pacific: Revisiting the Region*. Routledge.

Perdue, P.C. and Siu, H. F. (2015). *Asian Inside Out: Connected Places*. Harvard College.

Veeck, G., et. al. (2016). *China's Geography: Globalization and the Dynamics of Political, Economic, and Social Change*. 3rd ed. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

Husain, M. (2019). *Geography of India*. 8th ed. McGraw Hill.

Mann, C. C. (2018). *The Wizard and the Prophet*. Knopf.

Allen, G.C. (2011). *Modern Japan and its Problems*. Routledge.

Chang, H. (2007). *The East Asian Development Experience: The Miracle, the Crisis, and the Future*. Zed.

Schmidt, C. & Rose, J. (2017). "Environmental and cultural changes under Chilean neoliberalism". *The International Journal of Justice and Sustainability*: Vol. 22, No. 8 (1019-1034).

Griffin, E., et. al. (2000). "Chile: The Success Story of a Developing Country". *The Park Place Economist*: Vol. 8, No. 1 (3-11).

Holden, A. (2011). *Tourism, Poverty, and Development*. Routledge.

COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topic
Week 1	Physical Regions of the Pacific Rim
Week 2	Historical Precedents: Nations, Empires, and Independence
Week 3	Connecting Regions: Migration, Languages, and Religions
Week 4	Demographics, Development, and Disparities
Week 5	Power in the Pacific: A North American Sphere of Influence
Week 6	Modern Japan and its Problems
Week 7	'Miracle Economies': Four Asian Tigers
	MIDTERM EXAM

Week 8	China: Great Dragon Rising
Week 9	India: Giant of the Subcontinent
Week 10	Population Bomb? The Politics of Hunger in Asia
Week 11	Chile: An American Jaguar?
Week 12	Selling Paradise: Economies of Tourism in Southeast Asia
Week 13	Economic and Cultural Globalization in the Pacific Rim
Week 14	FINAL EXAM

NOTES

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: bctransferguide.ca

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