

# **Launch World Geography and Cultures**

## **Course Information:**

1 Credit

Asynchronous Canvas Course

Course Site: <https://akgrad.instructure.com/>

## **Description:**

This course is designed for students at a lower reading level or students who are At-Risk, or in danger of not graduating high school. Launch World Geography and Cultures is designed to meet the needs of online students who have had difficulties with traditional classroom or other correspondence classes that do not meet a student's needs and need to earn a Social Studies credit.

World Geography and Cultures offers a unique, integrated approach to world Geography. Students explore the diverse physical geography, people, environments, cultures, politics, and economies of 23 regions of the world.

**Course Organization:** The textbook contains twenty-five chapters. Each chapter is broken down into lessons based on learning outcomes. For each lesson, you are required to read a section of the textbook, complete practice problems from the textbook, and then take an online quiz. At the end of each chapter is a test covering material from that chapter.

## **Materials Required:**

- Computer or tablet with Internet access
- AGS World Geography and Cultures Book

**Academic Dishonesty:** With most correspondence courses as well as AKGrad & YKSD, honesty of parents and students is essential. If an AK Grad teacher confirms that a student has plagiarized work or used AI, the student will receive a 0 and be subject to consequences determined by their school of record.

**Grading:** Quizzes are designed to be completed as many times as necessary to earn the grade that you would like to earn. If you are struggling on quizzes, you should contact your online teacher for additional support.

- **Quizzes:** Quizzes are computer scored and you can see your incorrect answers immediately so you can retake if necessary. It is also permissible to use notes, study materials, and books on the quizzes.

- **Tests:** You are not allowed to use notes, study materials, and books on the tests. The tests are meant to reflect how much you have learned while completing the lessons and investigations.

The following grading scale will be used for determining your final grade. After completing the course with a "D-" or better you will receive one Carnegie credit from the Yukon Koyukuk School District.

Percent	Grade
97% - 100%	A+
93% - 96%	A
90% - 92%	A-
87% - 89%	B+
83% - 86%	B
80% - 82%	B-
77% - 79%	C+
73% - 76%	C
70% - 72%	C-
67% - 69%	D+
63% - 66%	D
60% - 62%	D-
< 60%	F

**Course Schedule:** Though you are in charge of your own schedule, we will encourage you to create a schedule for completing the course within one year of the start day. As your teacher we will support you in meeting your goals. The following is a list of units that need to be completed.

<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 1: Geography</li> <li>• Chapter 2: Global Issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 8: British Isles and Northern Europe</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chapter 3: The United States</li> <li>● Chapter 4: Canada</li> <li>● Chapter 5: Mexico</li> <li>● Chapter 6: Central American and the Caribbean</li> <li>● Chapter 7: South America</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chapter 9: Western and Central Europe</li> <li>● Chapter 10: Southern Europe</li> <li>● Chapter 11: Eastern Europe</li> <li>● Chapter 12: Russia</li> </ul>
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<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chapter 13: North America</li> <li>● Chapter 14: West and Central Africa</li> <li>● Chapter 15: East the Southern Africa</li> <li>● Chapter 16: The Middle East</li> <li>● Chapter 17: Central Asia and Caucasus States</li> <li>● Chapter 18: India and Its Neighbors</li> <li>● Chapter 19: Pakistan and Afghanistan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chapter 20: Southeast Asia</li> <li>● Chapter 21: China and Its Neighbors</li> <li>● Chapter 22: Japan</li> <li>● Chapter 23: Koreas</li> <li>● Chapter 24: Australia and New Zealand</li> <li>● Chapter 25: Pacific Islands and Antarctica</li> </ul>

### **Subject to Change**

This syllabus and schedule are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances. Your instructor will notify you of changes via Canvas announcements.