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CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY & HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

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COURSE OVERVIEW

Humans have a relationship with the world unlike any other organism on Earth, and this course explores the consequences of this- both positives and challenges.

- Relationship between people and the environment
- Human impact to the world
- Importance of cultural communities



COURSE EMPHASIS

The class will also give students the chance to explore how this information is found through different Anthropological and Geographical methods

- data studies
- Field surveys
- Excavations

Students will both look at past historical archaeological examples as well as current trends and patterns to determine a course of action on how to solve modern day problems and situations.



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WHAT IS HUMAN GEOGRAPHY?

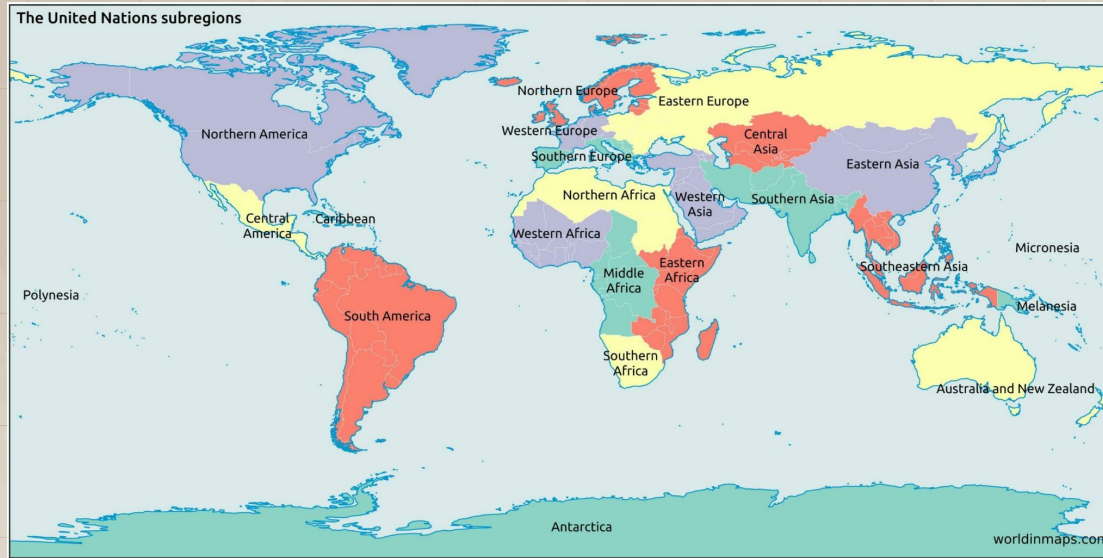
Unit 1: Principles of Geography & Anthropology

- How maps represent space
- Purposes, approaches, and contexts of maps
- What Geographers examine
- Tools Geographers use



Unit 2: Regionalization

- Purpose, Types, and Properties of Regions
- Temporary & Subjective nature of Regions



Unit 3: Population and Migration Patterns

- Push-and-Pull Factors of Migration
- Effects of Migration
- Birth & Mortality rates





Unit 4: Human Adaptation to Environment

- Scarcity, surplus, trade, and transportation
- Human adaptation and innovation
- Environmental modification and the diffusion of plants, animals and pathogens,
- Intended and unintended consequences of human interactions with the environment

Unit 5: Cultural and Political Processes

- Economic, Cultural, and political development process in spatial reorganization
- The different ways that cultural practices spread & causation for changes in cultural practices and patterns
- The ideas and forces that shaped the political boundaries of the modern world



Unit 6: Rural Land Use

- The origins and spread of agriculture
- how physical geography influences farming practices
- how farming practices affect the environment and society



Unit 7: Urban Land Use

- The factors that drive the growth of cities and suburbs
- urban design initiatives and practices & infrastructure



Unit 8: Comparison of World Regions - Project

Using skills and knowledge gained from previous units to solve a global problem

