

GEN/ASC2113.3 Globalization and Diversity

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Title

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Credits

3

Description

The ubiquitous concept of globalization represents a monumental transformation of Earth's cultural, socio-economic, and geopolitical structure. Converging economic, political, cultural, and environmental systems might at first glance portend a certain homogenization across global regions. Meanwhile the continued persistence of geographical difference and diversity alludes to some countervailing global forces. These opposing pressures, globalization and diversity, form an overriding theme prevailing throughout this course. The earth's major world regions are surveyed, highlighting environmental, demographic, cultural, geopolitical, and economic patterns at varying scales. This world regional approach allows a comprehensive examination of global and local expressions of the prevailing forces forging diversity and globalization in today's world.

Objectives

The main objective of this course is to develop skills, knowledge, and a way of thinking to assess and reflect on global geographical issues. It is hoped that students will

- apply geographical concepts to global issues facing the world today
- acquire an appreciation of the competing forces shaping homogeneity and diversity across the Earth

Assessment

60 % -first and second assessments

40 % -final assessment