The ideal geographer should be able to do two things:
read a newspaper with understanding,
take a country walk - or maybe a town walk - with interest.
H. C. Darby, Lecture at the University of Liverpool (1946)

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Required text: ***none to purchase: readings on line***

GEOGRAPHY means, literally, to describe the Earth. We can do so with respect to its physical (i.e. natural) features (mountains, oceans, atmosphere, landforms, rivers, etc.) or its socially induced (i.e.*cultural*) features. Human geography concentrates on the latter, that is, how human social and cultural activities distinguish various portions (regions) of the Earth. The approach of this course is global, cross-cultural, and systematic (i.e. topical). This means that various categories of social or cultural or activity, rather than any particular culture or political region of the Earth, become the focus of inquiry. We examine population and migration dynamics, folk and popular culture, religion, language, ethnicity, political territory, economics, development, agriculture, and urbanization as each is expressed spatially and, from one culture region to another, distinctively. Much attention is paid to the cultural landscape, i.e. how such human activities have transformed the Earth's surface with a distinctive cultural imprint. Interpreting and analyzing landscapes, maps, and spatial relationships of human phenomena are the hallmarks of this course.

Course work and evaluation (500 points:

Points	Assignment
100	**Unit Exam 1**
100	**Unit Exam 2**
100	**Cultural Landscape Project**
200	**Exercises**

95% A 90 A- 87 B+ 83 B 80 B- and so on

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