

**Program Level Learning Outcome Assessment
GEOGRAPHY**

PLO2: Our students will demonstrate global awareness by being able to describe major characteristics of natural environments, economies, and cultures of the world regions (e.g., the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, North America, South Asia, Russia and Central Asia, and others) and identify the main challenges they face today on the path to sustainability.

Learning Outcome Criteria	Does Not Meet Expectations	Approaches	Meets Expectations	Masters
1. Identify and describe world regions	Unable to identify and describe major world regions	Identifies world regions, able to describe basic characteristics.	Able to describe at least one world region in detail.	Able to describe multiple world regions in detail.
2. Describe relationship between physical geography/environment and settlement patterns	Unable to describe the physical geography of a region and/or how it influences settlement patterns.	Describes the relationship between environment and settlement in at least one region with minimal detail.	Describes the relationship between environment and settlement in at least one region with multiple examples	Describes the relationship between environment and settlement in multiple regions in great detail.
3. Describe origin and diffusion of culture, with global examples	Unable to describe the origin and diffusion of culture.	Describes the process of cultural diffusion and/or describes at least one example with minimal detail.	Describes the process of cultural diffusion and describes at least one example with accurate supporting evidence	Analyzes the process of cultural diffusion, giving examples from more than one region with accurate supporting evidence.
4. Describe cultural patterns in various world regions (i.e., language, religion, economy, settlement patterns, dress, political culture)	Unable to accurately describe cultural patterns in any world regions (i.e., language, religion, economy, settlement patterns, dress, political culture)	Describes cultural patterns in at least one world region (i.e., language, religion, economy, settlement patterns, dress, political culture) with minimal detail	Accurately describes cultural patterns in at least one world region (i.e., language, religion, economy, settlement patterns, dress, political culture) with accurate supporting evidence	Analyzes the origins and/or meanings of cultural patterns in at least one world region (i.e., language, religion, economy, settlement patterns, dress, political culture) with accurate supporting evidence
5. Describe role of geography in historical and/or contemporary political, social, and/or environmental processes or events.	Unable to describe the role of geography in historical and/or contemporary political, social, and/or	Describes role of geography in at least one historical and/or contemporary political, social, and/or environmental	Accurately describes role of geography in at least one historical and/or contemporary political, social, and/or environmental processes or event	Analyzes the role of geography in at least one historical and/or contemporary political, social, and/or environmental processes or event with accurate supporting evidence

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