

January 28, 2021

**Dear GEOG 101 Students,**

**Welcome to People and their Environment – An Introduction to Geography.** GEOG 101 will present the fundamental concepts of geography and show how these concepts are applied to our everyday lives. You are receiving this email because you were registered in the class as of Thursday morning, January 28.

**This course becomes active on BlackBoard at 12:01 AM Friday, January 29, 2021,** the first day of the semester. **Class material is also available on the Course Home Page**, which is separate from BlackBoard, and can be accessed at:

[http://www.geo.hunter.cuny.edu/courses/geog101\\_grande/index.html](http://www.geo.hunter.cuny.edu/courses/geog101_grande/index.html).

The direct link to the course syllabus is:

[http://www.geo.hunter.cuny.edu/courses/geog101\\_grande/S2021/1-2021-Syl-2-G101%20SYLLABUS.pdf](http://www.geo.hunter.cuny.edu/courses/geog101_grande/S2021/1-2021-Syl-2-G101%20SYLLABUS.pdf).

**GEOG 101 Section 02 is asynchronous. There are no formal class meeting times.** You may proceed at your pace with my guidance and reminders to move forward. Lectures and other course material may be viewed at any time after posting and required assignments submitted for grading at any time prior to a due date.

**Review the syllabus carefully. Be aware of the requirements and calendar.**

**Assignments and exams**, which are based on lecture material and the themed segments of the course, **will have due dates with time deadlines to keep you moving forward at a steady pace.** A lateness penalty will be applied.

At the end of each of the three segments of the course, there will be a timed-exam that focuses on the material covered in just that segment. **You will have a 4-day window to take the exam, but only one try per exam and once you start the exam you must complete it.** Questions and answers are scrambled every time the exam is opened by a student. Everyone sees the same material, but in a different order.

**Check your Hunter email on a regular basis.** Throughout the semester I will email the class reminders of due dates, textbook readings and supplemental information, including any extra credit options.

**Feel free to contact me by email at any time** ([agrande@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:agrande@hunter.cuny.edu)) and I will get back to you as soon as possible, based on time of day (or night) and the question asked. Be sure to use your “myHunter” account when contacting me and always include your full name and class in the header. Office hours via Zoom may be arranged by appointment.

**Geography is both a physical and social science.** As such, GEOG 101 is a topical course, highlighting the major subfields in geography. My job is to *introduce you to them* in the hope that your interest will be aroused and you will want to explore the subject in

depth in other courses. A ton of information will be presented, but we will not delve deeply into any topic because this is a 101 introductory course.

I hope you will enjoy this course as we explore the wonderful world of geography together.

*Be Well. Wear a Face-Covering. Social Distance. Wash Your Hands. Protect Family and Friends.*

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