

Geography for Life S1 & S2

Course Information:

1 Credit

Asynchronous Spark Course

Course Site: <https://akgrad.sparkeducation.com/>

Course Description: This course is designed to introduce students to the physical and cultural patterns of the world. Geographic study includes mapping skills, the interaction between people and their environment, and the political and economic systems that they develop.

Course Organization: The course is divided into fifty lessons contained in twelve units. Lessons are mostly text with some links to outside resources. Lessons are followed by a quiz and/or assignment(s).

Materials Required:

- Computer or tablet with Internet access

Academic Dishonesty: With most correspondence courses as well as AKGrad & YKSD, honesty of parents and students is essential. If an AK Grad teacher confirms that a student has plagiarized work or used AI, the student will receive a 0 and be subject to consequences determined by their school of record.

Grading: In this course you will be graded on quizzes, assignments, and post-assessments.

- **Quizzes:** There are 55 quizzes. Quizzes are mostly computer scored and you can see your incorrect answers immediately so you can retake if necessary. The question format is largely multiple choice but can also include fill-in-the-blank, matching, or short answer. It is also permissible to use notes, study materials, and books on the quizzes. You have 2 tries to take each quiz and additional attempts can be given upon request.
- **Assignments:** There are 62 assignments. Assignments are teacher graded and require you to create a document or media to demonstrate your understanding of the material. Writing assignments vary in length from one paragraph to one page. Assignments are scored on how well you backup your answers with evidence from the course material and your investigations.
- **Final Project:** For the final project, you will have the option of creating a presentation, writing a 1-2 page research paper, or creating a brochure about a country of your choice.

- **Post-Assessments:** Post-assessments are cumulative. There is a post-assessment at the end of each quarter.

The following grading scale will be used for determining your final grade. After completing the course with a "D-" or better you will receive one Carnegie credit from the Yukon Koyukuk School District.

Percent	Grade
97% - 100%	A+
93% - 96%	A
90% - 92%	A-
87% - 89%	B+
83% - 86%	B
80% - 82%	B-
77% - 79%	C+
73% - 76%	C
70% - 72%	C-
67% - 69%	D+
63% - 66%	D
60% - 62%	D-
< 60%	F

Course Schedule: Though you are in charge of your own schedule, we will encourage you to create a schedule for completing the course. As your teacher, I will support you in meeting your goals. A pacing guide is provided in the course. The following is a list of Units that need to be completed.

Semester 1	Semester 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Unit: Learning to Use Maps● Unit: Geographic Studies● Unit: Population and North America● Unit: Central America● Unit: Brazil and South America● Unit: European Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Unit: Eastern Europe and Central Asia● Unit: The Middle East● Unit: Africa● Unit: Africa and South Asia● Unit: Asia● Unit: Southeast Asia and Oceania

Subject to Change

This syllabus and schedule are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances. Your instructor will notify you of changes via Spark announcements.