

Common Course Outline
GEOG 133
Geography of the United States and Canada
3 Semester Hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Geography of the United States and Canada

Studies the physical and cultural characteristics of the United States and Canada; covers the physical and climactic regions, population, distribution and differences, agricultural and mineral resources, forests and water resources, and manufacturing and trade patterns.

Prerequisite: (ENGL 052 or LVE 2) and (RDNG 052 or LVR 2)

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- I. Given a map identify the major political features of the United States and Canada
- II. Given a map identify the major physical and cultural features of the United States and Canada
- III. Describe the historic evolution of the United States and Canada
- IV. Describe the economic and political connections between the United States and Canada
- V. Describe the population distribution of the United States and Canada
- VI. Identify and describe the major physiographic regions of the United States and Canada
- VII. Describe the evolution and structure of the urban centers of the United States and Canada
- VIII. Explain what a “megalopolis” is and its role in the United States and Canada

Major Topics

List of major topics in outline form if appropriate.

- I. The North American Continent
- II. The Physical Environment
- III. Population
- IV. The North American City
- V. Regions of the United States and Canada
 - A. The Atlantic Northeast
 - B. French Canada
 - C. Megalopolis
 - D. The Appalachians and the Ozarks
 - E. The Inland South
 - F. The Southeastern Coast
 - G. The Heartland
 - H. The Great Plains and the Prairies
 - I. The Rocky Mountains
 - J. The Intermontaine West
 - K. The California Region
 - L. The Hawaiian Islands
 - M. The North Pacific Coast
 - N. The Boreal Forest
 - O. The Arctic

Course Requirements (List only those requirements that will be common to all sections of the course.)

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

- I. Exams
- II. Map Quizzes
- III. Class Projects/Presentations

Writing: The individual faculty member will determine specific writing assignments.

Other Course Information

This course is a _____ core course and a _____ elective.

This course is taught in a computerized environment.

This course is the first course in a required two-course sequence.

Individual faculty members may include additional course objectives, major topics, and other course requirements to the minimum expectations stated in the Common Course Outline.