



PROGRAM REVIEW – CURRICULUM REVIEW
2015-16

Geography

Courses with CID Designation

Course Name	CID #	CID Name	COR Effective Term
GEOG G100	GEOG 125	World Regional Geography	F2009
GEOG G180	GEOG 110	Introduction to Physical Geography	F2009
GEOG G180L	GEOG 111	Physical Geography, Laboratory	F2013
GEOG G185	GEOG 120	Introduction to Human Geography	S2010
GEOG G190	GEOG 155	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems and Techniques, with Lab	F2013
GEOG G100	GEOG 125	World Regional Geography	F2009

Dual Listed Courses

Course Name	Dual Listed
N/A	

List of Active Courses offered or not offered in the last 3 years

Course Name	2012-2013			2013-2014			2014-2015		
	Summer	Fall	Spring	Summer	Fall	Spring	Summer	Fall	Spring
GEOG G100		X	X		X	X		X	X
GEOG G180		X	X		X	X		X	X
GEOG G180L								X	X
GEOG G185			X		X	X		X	X
GEOG G190								X	



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Assessment status for courses with active cSLOs

Course Name	# of cSLOs	# of cSLOs Assessed	Status
GEOG G100	5	1	↔
GEOG G180	6	2	↔
GEOG G180L	3	1	↔
GEOG G185	5	1	↔
GEOG G190	4	1	↔

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Courses with cSLOs that still need to be assessed

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GEOG G100	cSLO 2	Identify and locate world regions, subregions, and physical and cultural features.
GEOG G100	cSLO 4	Analyze spatial and causal relationships between/among: physiography, population, resources, politics, language, religion, and levels of development.
GEOG G100	cSLO 5	Predict and project changes in demographic, economic, political, cultural, and ecological development.
GEOG G180	cSLO 1	Recognize, define, and/or locate geographic phenomena.
GEOG G180	cSLO 2	Classify and map bio-climatic data.
GEOG G180	cSLO 4	Synthesize global environmental regions from climatic, geomorphic, edaphic, botanic data.
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GEOG G180L	cSLO 1	Students will be able to analyze weather patterns and world climates.
GEOG G180L	cSLO 3	Describe the process of Plate Tectonics and explain its correlation to the creation of landforms.
GEOG G185	cSLO 2	Recognize spatial associations of cultural traits.
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GEOG G190	cSLO 1	Basic cartographic knowledge of map projections, scale, coordinates and mapping accuracy.
GEOG G190	cSLO 2	Recognition and identification of geographic data's four components: position, attributes, spatial relationships, and chronology to aid in retrieving, manipulating, analyzing and displaying spatially-referenced data.
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