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**Course Description:**
This course investigates the linkage among geographical factors, political process and economic systems. This course will focus on that relationship as it impacts the political, economic and human environment of this diverse geopolitical world.

**Prerequisites (If any):**
NONE

**Goals and Objectives:**
Our constantly changing world calls for an understanding and an appreciation for the whys and how those changes occurs.

The objective of this course is to introduce students to the relationship between man and his environment with the aim of providing an insight into the socio-political and economic implication of the relationship. While focusing on Man-earth relationship, the course will examine the questions of development within the context of global economy while emphasizing its geopolitical diversity. It will present a study and analysis of the relationship between the different political units in the world and the importance of their geographical locations. While geography is concerned with the spatial aspects of both the physical and human environment of our world and its interrelationship, the thematic presentation in this class will also focus on the political and socio-economic aspects of these relationships.

**Course Topics:**
- Introduction: What is Political Geography?
- The State: General characteristics and structures.
- Imperialism, Colonialism & Decolonization.
- Geopolitics: The State and the World Order.
- Contemporary International Relations.
- The Politics of Population. – Migration/- Food crisis.
- The Politics of the Environment.
- The Political Geography of Social Condition- Poverty & Cultural Diversity.

**Text:**
Martin Ira Glassner (2009), POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY,(New York: John Wiley) and any other reading assignment that may be assigned. Knowledge of Maps(World/Regional) is required for this class.