

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
**GEO351.02 GEOGRAPHY OF CALIFORNIA**  
**SYLLABUS**

**Fall 2007 (Course Number 70329)**  
**TuTh 8:00-9:50 am Room 5-125**

**Instructor:**

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**Required Textbook:** Hyslop, Wu and Garver: California Eclectic – A topical Geography (A course reader. Purchase at the **Copy Center** in Bronco Student Center.)

Blackboard, go to <https://blackboard.csupomona.edu/webapps/login>, login with your BroncoName and BroncoPassword (Same as your Cal Poly e-mail ID and password).

**Catalog Description:**

GEO 351 Geography of California (4) Location and description of California's natural and human resources. The influence of physical features upon the economic activities and sequence of occupation of California, with particular attention to the relationship of current California problems to their geographical causes. 4 lecture discussions. **Prerequisites:** One course from each of the following Sub-areas: A1, A2, A3 and B1, B2, B3 or permission of instructor. **GE Synthesis course for Sub-area B4 or D4.**

**Course Objectives:** Upon completion of the course, students will be able to

- Observe, identify, and articulate basic geographic facts that are crucial in understanding and appreciating the diverse physical and cultural environment of the state.
- Analyze and explain physical and cultural geographic phenomena and events in the state based on scientific principles and geographic theories.
- Recognize and define physical and cultural environmental problems or opportunities and identify resources, mitigation or development strategies and solutions.
- Improve observation, critical thinking, writing, communication, and team working skills.

**Tentative Schedule:**

**Important dates to remember: Midterm on Thursday Oct. 25, 8 – 10, in 1-317. Final exam on Tuesday, Dec. 4 7:00 – 9:00 am in 1-317.**

**Week 1 – 5: Physical Environment of California**

1. Geography of California - An Introduction
2. Earthquakes and the Underlying Geological Structure
3. Physical Landscapes and Their Formation
4. Diverse Climates and the Governing Forces
5. Biogeography - An overview
6. Unbalanced Water Resources

**Midterm Exam (Thursday Week 5, topics 1 - 6)**

**Week 6 – 10: Cultural and Economic Environment of California**

7. History from Geography Perspectives
8. People and the Cultural Landscapes They Created
9. Metropolis from Urban Geography Perspectives
10. Agriculture from Economic Geography Perspectives

11. Energy Consumption Pattern and Resources
12. Geographical Regions – Student Group Presentations

**Final Exam (Tuesday Final's week 7:00 – 9:00 am, topics 7 - 12)**

### **Examinations and Quizzes:**

The examinations are intended to test your knowledge of the course material. You are responsible for the material covered in the lectures, assignments and assigned readings. The examinations will be given in multiple choices format. In addition to the midterms and final exams, quizzes will be given from time to time to gain timely feedback and to prepare you for the exams. Quizzes will be given online outside of the class time. Midterm and Final will be given online in a computer lab during class time.

### **Assignments and Class Participation:**

Assignments are a vital part of the class. These assignments include short essays, self-guided field trips, and group presentation projects. In-class activities will also be assigned from time to time and your participation in these activities will be credited toward your course grade.

### **Grading:**

Midterm and Final exams 40%; Assignments 40%; Quizzes 10%, and class participation 10%.

Percentage of total points will be used to determine a student's final grade:  $\geq 90\%$  A; 80%-89% B; 70% - 79% C; 60% - 69% D;  $< 60\%$  F. Pluses and minuses will be given accordingly. The class grades will not be curved.

### **Course Policy:**

No make-up examinations will be set unless special arrangements have been made BEFORE the examination. Excusable late assignments should be prearranged. Inexcusable late assignments will be accepted with deduction of points. **Computer problems are not acceptable excuses for not turning in assignments or taking quizzes on time.** There are many computer facilities on campus available for you to use. **Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated.** Refer to current University Catalog <http://www.csupomona.edu/~academic/catalog/> about university policies regarding cheating, plagiarism and other serious academic offenses.

### **Internet, Blackboard, and Cal Poly E-Mail:**

Class materials, exams, and assignments for this class are hosted in Blackboard - an online learning environment. You will need internet access to use Blackboard. Procedures of accessing Blackboard can be found at <http://www.csupomona.edu/~ehelp/>. For communication purposes, you should either check your Cal Poly E-mail regularly or set E-Mail forwarding to your regular E-Mail: go to <http://www.csupomona.edu/~ehelp/>, click on e-mail – E-Mail forwarding for procedures. When sending e-mail message, always begin with **GEO351** in message title and make sure that your real name shows in the message. Contact the helpdesk (909 869-6776, [HelpDesk@csupomona.edu](mailto:HelpDesk@csupomona.edu), <http://www.csupomona.edu/~ehelp/>) if you do not know your account info or having difficulties with Blackboard or Cal Poly e-mail. It is crucial that you have access to the online system for this class. If you do not have internet access in your home, you can use computer facilities on campus to work on the online components of the class. If you have difficulties to locate or use these facilities, you should discuss this with me during the first week of the quarter.