

George Mason University
College of Education and Human Development
Tourism and Events Management

TOUR 210 DL2 – Global Understanding through Travel and Tourism
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Prerequisites/Corequisites

None.

University Catalog Course Description

Examines tourism as a global industry and human activity that promotes and facilitates understanding of historical and cultural values, and of international institutions that characterize the broader global system.

Course Overview

Travel and tourism is one of the world's leading industries, and it is often seen as a major force for economic development. The purpose of this course is to broaden students' global understanding by introducing students to the basic elements and concepts of travel and tourism. The focus of this course is on the social science of tourism, namely the geography, economics, psychology, history, and physical development of tourism, as well as the industry's positive and negative social, cultural, economic, and physical impacts in destination communities throughout the world.

Course Delivery Method

This course will be delivered online (76% or more) using an asynchronous format via Blackboard Learning Management system (LMS) housed in the MyMason portal. You will log in to the Blackboard (Bb) course site using your Mason email name (everything before @masonlive.gmu.edu) and email password. The course site will be available on August 28, 2017.

Under no circumstances, may candidates/students participate in online class sessions (either by phone or Internet) while operating motor vehicles. Further, as expected in a face-to-face

class meeting, such online participation requires undivided attention to course content and communication.

Technical Requirements

To participate in this course, students will need to satisfy the following technical requirements:

- High-speed Internet access with a standard up-to-date browser, either Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox is required (note: Opera and Safari are not compatible with Blackboard).
- Students must maintain consistent and reliable access to their GMU email and Blackboard, as these are the official methods of communication for this course.
- Students will need a headset microphone for use with the Blackboard Collaborate web conferencing tool. [Delete this sentence if not applicable.]
- Students may be asked to create logins and passwords on supplemental websites and/or to download trial software to their computer or tablet as part of course requirements.
- The following software plug-ins for PCs and Macs, respectively, are available for free download:
 - Adobe Acrobat Reader: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
 - Windows Media Player:
<https://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/downloads/windows-media-player/>
 - Apple Quick Time Player: www.apple.com/quicktime/download/

Expectations

- Course Week:
- Because asynchronous courses do not have a “fixed” meeting day, our week will start on Monday mornings, and finish on Sundays at 11:59PM.
- Log-in Frequency:
Students must actively check the course Blackboard site and their GMU email for communications from the instructor, class discussions, and/or access to course materials at least 7 times per week. Please note well: Students who log into the course Blackboard site and check their email for communication from the course instructor and classmates more frequently (particularly in regard to Discussions) tend to earn better grades in the course.
- Participation:
Students are expected to actively engage in all course activities throughout the semester, which includes viewing all course materials, completing course activities and assignments, and participating in course discussions and group interactions.
- Technical Competence:
Students are expected to demonstrate competence in the use of all course technology. Students who are struggling with technical components of the course are expected to seek assistance from the instructor and/or College or University technical services.

- Technical Issues:

Students should anticipate some technical difficulties during the semester and should, therefore, budget their time accordingly. Late work will not be accepted based on individual technical issues.

- **Workload:**

Please be aware that this course is **not** self-paced. Students are expected to meet *specific deadlines* and *due dates* listed in the **Class Schedule** section of this syllabus. It is the student's responsibility to keep track of the weekly course schedule of topics, readings, activities and assignments due.

- **Instructor Support:**

Students may schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss course requirements, content or other course-related issues. Those unable to come to a Mason campus can meet with the instructor via telephone or web conference. Students should email the instructor to schedule a one-on-one session, including their preferred meeting method and suggested dates/times.

- **Netiquette:**

The course environment is a collaborative space. Experience shows that even an innocent remark typed in the online environment can be misconstrued. Students must always re-read their responses carefully before posting them, so as others do not consider them as personal offenses. *Be positive in your approach with others and diplomatic in selecting your words.* Remember that you are not competing with classmates, but sharing information and learning from others. All faculty are similarly expected to be respectful in all communications.

- **Accommodations:**

Online learners who require effective accommodations to insure accessibility must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services.

Learner Outcomes or Objectives

This course is designed to enable students to do the following:

1. Discuss the impact of tourism on the global economy and other peripheral areas (e.g. developing nations);
2. Analyze significant global tourism issues and demonstrate an awareness of how these issues are perceived and dealt with in different cultural and historical traditions;
3. Describe the ways in which tourism contributes to appreciation of cultural heritage and the international foundations of American society;
4. Discuss the social impacts of global tourism, including acculturation, religious tolerance, and political awareness;
5. Discuss the role of international tourism in promoting world peace;
6. Design an international travel itinerary that would allow a tourist to learn about another country; and
7. Visit other countries with an improved sense of host/guest relations and with greater appreciation for the opportunities to expand learning about the world cultures.

Professional Standards

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times.

Required Texts

Charles R. Goeldner and J.R. Brent Ritchie (2012). *Tourism: Principles, Practices, Philosophies*, 12th edition. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley and Sons.

Course Performance Evaluation

Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor.

- **Assignments and/or Examinations**

All assignments, unless otherwise announced by the instructor, **MUST** be submitted via Blackboard. Each assignment will have a designated place to submit the assignment.

<u>Component</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Online Quizzes (X10)	50% (5% each)
Tourism Research Paper	20%
Discussion Board Exercises (X4)	20% (5% each)
Geography Tests (X3)	10% (3.33% each)
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Total	100%

Online Quizzes will be in a multiple-choice format. There will be 10 online quizzes, each worth 5% of your grade. Each quiz will be based on chapter readings from the textbook AND the corresponding PowerPoint presentation. The deadline for the weekly online quizzes is Sunday at midnight. Every Sunday at midnight, a new online quiz will be posted on Blackboard. It is up to you to know when the deadline is for each quiz, no exceptions. I encourage you not to leave the online quizzes until the last moment, to avoid any complications. Also, you only have 15 minutes to complete each quiz – if you go over that time limit, you will not get credit for your correct responses. So be sure to finish within the allowable time limit, and be sure your internet connection is working well before beginning the online quiz.

Tourism Research Paper: You must complete one 7-page paper for this course. If you take into account the Title Page and Works Cited Page, the paper should be **at least** 9 pages in length. The paper should adhere to the MLA or APA style of writing. Detailed instructions for this paper are provided on Blackboard. Do not email me your Tourism Research Paper, instead, you must upload your paper as an assignment on Blackboard. The due date is Friday, December 8th at 11:59PM. Late submissions will result in a 10% deduction, and absolutely no paper will be accepted after Saturday, October 9th at 11:59PM, no exceptions or extensions. **It is entirely up to you to make sure your assignments are properly uploaded, complete AND readable.**

Discussion Board Exercises: There will be 4 discussion board exercises that will involve the participation of your fellow classmates, each worth 5% of your final grade. Discussion board exercises will be available for one week (except for the first one, which will be available for slightly longer) and address topics that are at the heart of this course. You will be graded on your level of insight and effort. Further details can be found under the ‘Discussions’ link on Blackboard.

Geography Tests: North Americans are notoriously poor at geography, which is unacceptable especially for those in the travel and tourism industry. You will take three online geography tests for this course. Together they represent 10% of your final grade (each test is worth 3.33%). Study materials for these tests will be posted on Blackboard a week in advance of the test deadline. Geography Tests will be available for one week and due Sunday night at midnight (see the course outline below). Students will be required to locate various regions, countries, states and provinces on maps. The places for which you will be responsible are listed below. It is up to you to learn these geographical locations as they will not be included in the online lectures.

THE FIRST TEST: North America: All U.S. states (+D.C.), all Canadian provinces/territories. Central America: Mexico, Belize, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama. West Indies & Caribbean: Bahamas, Cuba, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Haiti, Barbados, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Aruba

THE SECOND TEST: South America: Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Chile, Argentina Western Europe: All countries: Scandinavia (Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark), Greenland, Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom (England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland), Portugal, Spain, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Italy, Austria Eastern Europe: Poland, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Hungary, Greece, Russia

THE THIRD TEST: Asia: Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Israel, India, Thailand, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Viet Nam, Singapore, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia Australia: Australia, New Zealand Pacific Islands: Solomon Islands, Fiji, American Samoa, Guam, Tahiti Africa: Morocco, Egypt, Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe, S. Africa

- **Other Requirements**

If any quiz or assignment is not completed by the assigned date, you must have a documented excused absence in order to take a makeup the quiz or assignment.

- **Grading**

A	94-100%	C+	78-79%
A-	90-93%	C	74-77%
B+	88-89%	C-	70-73%
B	84-87%	D	60-69%
B-	80-83%	E	59% and below

Professional Dispositions

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. See <https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/polices-procedures/>

Class Schedule

<u>TOUR210: Global Understand through Travel and Tourism</u>			
Week	Topics	Textbook Readings	What is Due
Aug 28 – Sept 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course Overview • Introduction to Tourism 	Ch. 1,12	- Nothing due September 3
Sept 4 – 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course Overview • Introduction to Tourism 	Ch. 1,12	- Weekly online quiz due AND Discussion Board Exercise 1 due September 10 at 11:59pm
Sept 11 – 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation • Cruise Industry 	Ch. 5	- Weekly online quiz due September 17 at 11:59pm
Sept 18 – Oct 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitality and Related Services 	Ch. 6	- Weekly online quiz AND Discussion Board Exercise 2 due October 1 at 11:59pm
Oct 2 - 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social/Cultural Impacts of Tourism 	Ch. 11	- Weekly online quiz due October 8 at 11:59pm
Oct 9 - 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism and the Environment 	Ch. 17	- Weekly online quiz AND Discussion Board Exercise 3 due October 15 at 11:59pm
Oct 16 - 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Impacts of Tourism 	Ch. 14	- Weekly online quiz due October 22 at 11:59pm
Oct 23 - 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourist Marketing 	Ch. 19	- Geography Test 1 and Weekly online quiz due Oct 29 at 11:59pm
Oct 30 – Nov 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizations in the Distribution Process 	Ch. 7	- Geography Test 2 Weekly online quiz due November 5 at 11:59pm
Nov 6 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism Organizations • Attractions 	Ch. 4, 8	- Geography Test 3 Weekly online quiz due November 12 at 11:59pm
Nov 13 - 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural and International Tourism for Life's Enrichment • Tourist Motivation 	Ch. 9, 10	Weekly online quiz due Nov 19 at 11:59pm
Nov 20 - 26	Thanksgiving Break – Nothing Due Nov. 26 th		
Nov 27 – Dec 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trends in Tourism 	Ch. 20	Discussion Board Exercise 4 due December 3 at 11:59pm
Dec 4 – 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	None	- Research Paper due December 8 at 11:59pm

Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary, with notification to students.

Core Values Commitment

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles: <http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/>.

GMU Policies and Resources for Students

Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see <http://oai.gmu.edu/the-mason-honor-code/>).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see <http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/>).
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students **solely** through their Mason email account.
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see <http://ods.gmu.edu/>).
- Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be silenced during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Campus Resources

- Support for submission of assignments to Tk20 should be directed to tk20help@gmu.edu or <https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/tk20>. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <http://coursesupport.gmu.edu/>.
- For information on student support resources on campus, see <https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus>

For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, please visit our website <https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/> .