

Tokyo International Progressive School

World Cultures Course Outline

2022-2023

Ms.Koh, Room 33



DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

This course introduces multicultural studies through the investigation of the physical and human geography, history, and cultures of the continents of Africa, Asia, Australia, the Pacific Realm and Antarctica. Through this course students will develop an understanding of the interactions between geography and the cultures that have influenced the lifestyles and challenges faced by various groups over time throughout these regions. This course will also help students gain a greater understanding of their own culture and realize how diverse cultural traditions affect their lives and the lives of others.

The textbook we will be using is National Geographic Learning - World Cultures and Geography. If a numbered lent textbook is not returned in usable condition by the required date, your family will be asked to pay for a replacement for the book.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Students are required to bring their pencil case, water bottle, computer and folder. Students may not eat food during class, but may have candy or gum if they ask and receive permission. Once students enter the classroom, they are expected to follow the instructions for the day and to participate in class discussions.

EARNING YOUR GRADE

Your grade will be determined by your work in these categories:

Unit Evaluations - 5% each Unit evaluations are openbook evaluations that must be done individually.	35% total
Projects - 13% each Projects will be completed individually.	26% total
Progress Tests - 13% each Progress tests are closed-book exams that will be supervised by your teacher.	39% total

The grading scale for this course will be:

Letter grade	Mark range
A+	97-100
A	92-96
B+	88-91
B	83-87
C+	79-82
C	74-78
D+	70-73
D	65-69
F	64 or below

COURSE CONTENT

Note: course content and test dates are subject to change throughout the year.

Unit 1: Geography Essentials

- Using Geography
- Physical and Human Geography

Unit 2: Sub-Saharan Africa

- Geography and History of Sub-Saharan Africa
- Sub-Saharan Africa Today

Unit 3: North Africa and Southwest Asia

- Geography and History of North Africa and Southwest Asia
- North Africa and Southwest Asia Today

Unit 4: South Asia

- Geography and History of South Asia
- South Asia Today

Unit 5: East Asia

- Geography and History of East Asia
- East Asia Today

Unit 6: Southeast Asia

- Geography and History of Southeast Asia
- Southeast Asia Today

Unit 7: Australia, the Pacific Realm and Antarctica

- Geography and History of Australia, the Pacific Realm and Antarctica
- Australia, the Pacific Realm and Antarctica Today

IMPORTANT DATES

Assignment	Due Date
Unit 1 Evaluation	Week 3 (Sep)
Unit 2 Evaluation	Week 6 (Sep)
Project 1	Week 9 (Oct)
Unit 3 Evaluation	Week 12 (Nov)
Progress Test 1	Week 15 (Nov)
Unit 4 Evaluation	Week 17 (Dec)
Unit 5 Evaluation	Week 20 (Jan)
Progress Test 2	Week 24 (Feb)
Unit 6 Evaluation	Week 27 (Mar)
Project 2	Week 32 (Apr)
Unit 7 Evaluation	Week 35 (May)
Progress Test 3	Week 38 (Jun)