

San José State University
Department of Urban and Regional Studies
GEOG 199/GLST 179, Senior Seminar/ Capstone Seminar in Global Studies, Section 01/01, Spring
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Class Days/Time:	T 3:00 to 5:45
Classroom:	Clark 224
Prerequisites:	Senior Status
GE/SJSU Studies Category:	D1 – Human Behavior
Course Fees:	None

Course Format

This course is a seminar/lecture-based course that meets once per week.

Faculty Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, and grades can be found on the Canvas learning management system course website:
<http://www.sjsu.edu/at/ec/canvas/>.

Course Description

GEOG 199:

Capstone course examining the history of geographic thought and themes with emphasis on critical assessment of issues affecting current trends and objective of placing undergraduate experience in a professional context.

GLST 179:

Course is designed for majors to help them to gain coherence in their theoretical knowledge, factual grounding, international living, personal and career aspirations. It will also give them experience in interdisciplinary research through preparation of a major scholarly paper. The format includes discussion, group analysis, visiting professors, and individual work.

Required Texts/Readings

Provided

Course Requirements and Assignments

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on. More details about student workload can be found in [University Policy S12-3](#) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf>.

Grading Policy

Attendance (Discussion)	300 points
Reading Responses	300 points
Curriculum Vitae/Resume	200 points
Professional Interview	100 points
Final Presentation	100 points
Total Possible Points	1000 points

Percentage	Total Points	Letter Grade
900-100%	900-1000	A (Pass)
80-89%	800-899	B (Pass)
70-79%	700-799	C (Pass)
Less than 60 %	Less than 600	F (No Pass)

Websites: This course is integrated with the Canvas learning.

Attendance (Discussions): In a Senior Seminar, it is expected that attendance is mandatory. One absence (with prior notice) is acceptable. However, any absences after that are subject to major point reduction or removal from class.

Reading Responses: Weekly readings responses are required for class discussions. When required, 500-word (minimum) conclusions are required for each reading. Requirements will be discussed in class and posted on Canvas.

Curriculum Vitae/Resume: There will be class discussion and preparation time for the development of professional growth. Requirements will be discussed in class and posted on Canvas.

Professional Interview: There will be an interview arranged with a professional in the field. Grade will be calculated based on interviewer's and student's evaluation upon the process.

Final Presentation: A final presentation in class will be based on the course readings, discussions, professional document development, and interview process.

Academic Honesty: It is expected that students take extensive notes from their reading and may use these notes for all quizzes and exams. However, it is not allowed to look up answers from the Internet. We do not use proctoring software because it creates an atmosphere of distrust from the beginning of the course. Instead, we rely on a system of trust and academic integrity. However, any violations of this, including plagiarism, will be punished to the fullest possible extent. **PLEASE DO NOT CHEAT!** It places all parties involved in a horrible and uncomfortable position.

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>

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Spring 2025 Course Schedule

This schedule is subject to change with fair notice.

Course Schedule

Date	Class Discussion	Topic Introduction
1/28	Introduction	James Michener
2/4	James Michener	Alexander Von Humboldt
2/11	Alexander Von Humboldt	Carl Ritter
2/18	Carl Ritter	George Chrisholm
2/25	George Chrisholm	Walter Christaller
3/4	Walter Christaller	Carl Sauer
3/11	Carl Sauer	Jared Diamond
3/18	Jared Diamond	CV/Resume
3/25	Careers in the Field	Careers in the Field
4/1	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK
4/8	Careers in the Field	Final Project
4/15	Final Project	Global Citizenship
4/22	Global Citizenship	Final Presentation
4/2	Final Presentation	Final Presentation
5/6	Final Presentation	Final Presentation
Finals	Interview Recap	Interview Recap