

## GEOGRAPHY

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**Academic Year:** I Year

**Semester:** yearly

**Scientific sector:** M-GGR/01

**Credits:** 8

**Total lesson hours:** 56 ore

**Modular:** No

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Geography investigates the relations between humans and the spaces in which they live and operate. By occupying, using, regulating and shaping spaces, peoples turn them into places, adding complex immaterial configurations of symbols and values. If it is true that physical environments have influential roles in how humans organize their lives and spaces, nevertheless, practical choices depend upon several factors such as perception, culture and will. The purpose of this course is to introduce students to a basic but solid knowledge of general geography, working towards two parallel goals: the first one is to ensure a good understanding of the subject; the second one is to clarify how the subject is supposed to be tailored on the current Italian State's educational requirements.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will be developed in two parts. In the first part, students will be introduced to the fundamentals of general geography; particular attention will be paid to cultural geography as a key to understanding landscape as a inherently human-made texture. In the second part, students as prospective educators will be specifically presented with geography as a subject of teaching according to the indication of Italy's department of education.

Non-attending students must agree on an appropriate program directly with the teacher.

**Teaching method:** lecture

**Examination method:** written

**Office hours:** 30 minutes after class. Additional times can be arranged by appointment.

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### **RECOMMENDED TEXTS**

All readings will be assigned as classes begin.