Liverpool John Moores University

Title: GEOGRAPHY AND GEOGRAPHERS

Status: Definitive

Code: **6000GEOG** (114526)

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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Credit Total

Level: FHEQ6 Value: 12.00 Delivered 22.00

98

Hours:

Total Private Learning 120 Study:

Hours:

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	10.000
Workshop	12.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	2,500 word essay	100.0	

Aims

- 1. To examine the contested history of Geography and the rise of alternative methodologies.
- 2. To exemplify these methodologies via study of the 'critical trajectories' of leading geographers.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- Evaluate complex concepts and ideas and assess the strengths and weaknesses of alternative methodologies (A1).
- Interpret the interaction between the life and work of key geographers, the discipline itself, and the society in which they operate (A2).

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Essay 1 2

Outline Syllabus

Geography as a contested enterprise. The rise of competing schools of thought, including spatial science, behavioural and humanist approaches, radical geography, anarchism, environmentalism, feminism, post-modernism (LO1). The critical trajectories of key geographers. These will be selected to illustrate alternative methodologies, including such as Cloke, Hall, Harvey, Johnston, Massey, O'Riordan, Pepper, Sauer, Thrift, Valentine (LO2).

Learning Activities

Lectures, workshop participation, private study.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Blunt, A. & Willis, J.
Publishing Year	2000
Title	Dissident Geographies
Subtitle	An Introduction to Radical Ideas and Practice.
Edition	
Publisher	Harlow, Pearson Education.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Gould, P. & Pitts, F. R. (eds).
Publishing Year	2002
Title	Geographical Voices
Subtitle	Fourteen Autobiographical Essays.
Edition	

Publisher	Syracuse, New York, Syracuse University Press.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Hubbard, P. Kitchin, R. & Valentine, G. (eds).
Publishing Year	2004
Title	Key Thinkers on Space and Place
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London, Sage.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Johnston, R. J. et al (eds).
Publishing Year	2000
Title	The Dictionary of Human Geography
Subtitle	
Edition	4th Edition
Publisher	Oxford, Blackwell.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Johnston, R. J. & Sidaway, J.
Publishing Year	2004
Title	Geography and Geographers
Subtitle	Anglo-American Human Geography since 1945.
Edition	
Publisher	London, Hodder Arnold.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Merrifield, A.
Publishing Year	2002
Title	Metromarxism
Subtitle	A Marxist Tale of the City.
Edition	
Publisher	London, Routledge.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Peet, R.
Publishing Year	1998
Title	Modern Geographical Thought
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Oxford, Blackwell.
ISBN	

Notes

The module examines Geography as a contested enterprise, considering the rise of alternative methodologies within the subject. These methodologies are exemplified via study of the work of leading geographers. Alternative geographical imatinations are also analysed and interpreted.