World Regional is an introductory-level course in Human Geography that focuses on social and environmental processes that have shaped – and are continually re-shaping – the world, focusing on themes of globalization, urbanization, and environmental adaptation. The class consists of a broad regional survey of the inhabited earth, exploring the world as a geographically differentiated, but highly integrated, space of human settlement, economy, politics, and social and cultural life. By emphasizing concepts such as space, place, region, landscape, and scale, we will focus on the study of global interconnections and processes. In particular, we will attempt to understand how the accelerating pace of globalization shapes and is in turn being shaped by the persistence of place, locality, and regional processes. The course is cross listed with PWAD 120.