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PREFACE

Hello everyone, Social Studies Major-Students! I'm really excited to have you here as we begin this learning journey. Welcome to **Places and Landscape in a Changing World**, a course designed to provide students with a deeper understanding of the dynamic relationship between people, places, landscapes, and the environments in which societies develop. As a core course in the Social Studies discipline, it introduces learners to the fundamental concepts of history, geography, and the social sciences while fostering critical thinking, geographical literacy, historical inquiry, and global awareness.

The course is organized into two major modules. **Module 1** establishes the essential foundations of historical and geographical studies by introducing the nature of science, the distinction between the natural and social sciences, historical data and sources, historical criticism, historical analysis, geography, maps, landforms, climate, biomes, and the interconnected relationship between humans and their physical environment. Through these lessons, students develop the analytical skills necessary to evaluate historical evidence, interpret geographical information, and understand how environmental factors shape human societies across time and space.

Building upon these foundations, **Module 2** broadens students' perspectives by examining the world's major regions through collaborative research and student demonstration teaching. Learners explore the physical landscapes, historical development, cultures, political systems, economies, landmarks, and environmental challenges of Asia, Europe, the Americas, Oceania, Africa, South Asia, the Arctic and Antarctica, Global Cities, and other harsh or challenging regions. Through research, classroom presentations, instructional planning, and demonstration teaching, students strengthen not only their content knowledge but also their competencies in communication, leadership, classroom management, educational technology, and effective teaching practices.

Ultimately at the end of this semester, this course emphasizes that geography and history are closely intertwined disciplines that explain how places influence civilizations, cultures, economies, and human development. By examining regional diversity alongside contemporary global issues such as climate change, sustainability, urbanization, migration, and resource management, students are encouraged to appreciate the interconnectedness of nations and the importance of responsible global citizenship. It is our hope that this module will inspire future Social Studies educators to become knowledgeable, reflective, and innovative professionals who can guide learners in understanding an ever-changing world. Let us learn together!!!

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