

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

SPRING 2014 Geography 142

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OFFICE HOURS
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Human Geography focuses on patterns of human cultural diversity and it's visible imprint on the world. The course addresses processes associated with human patterns that impact the natural environment, landscapes and cultural change. We will study the distributions and interactions of various elements of human geography such as language, religion, population, environment and levels of education and technology. The complex interactions of these cultural elements create a sense "place" and attachment. The course satisfies Race Gender and Ethnicity requirement.

Required Text: *Jordan's Fundamentals of the Human Mosaic 2E* M. Domosh, R. Neuman, P. Price. Text readings are to be completed *before* class. Additional articles/handouts are required and will be handed out with instruction. I use moodle to post materials.

Required Attendance: I take roll each day **or** use in class work to document attendance and participation. More than 3 absences over the term will reduce your letter grade by one letter. You are counted absent if you do not attend the full 2 hour class. Special exceptions can be arranged but it will not be possible to miss more than 3 partial classes

Your Grade is based on

EXAMS (two) = 55% of course grade. Exams will have three parts (1) multiple choice (2) written short answer (3) map Questions. Exams require understanding and application of themes, knowledge of terms, concepts, and distributions of cultural traits drawn on maps. Make-up exams are a privilege not a "student right" and will not receive above a "C" grade. Consult with me during my office hours to discuss confidential issues surrounding a request for a make-up. Any makeups must be completed with 3 days of the original test date. Graded by %.

MAP QUIZZES =20% of course grade. A series of weekly 14-point map quizzes over countries of different continents will be given in class and will following the syllabus schedule. We begin class with quizzes so do not come late. Country names and locations can be found in the text inside the cover and p. 150. On occasion people may miss or be late for a map quiz for various reasons. Therefore **one make-up map quiz consisting of 30 random countries from the world (½ pt each) will be available to all students.** The make-up is scheduled on the last day of class, to be taken after the final exam. Graded by %.

ASSIGNMENTS & PARTICIPATION = 25% of course grade. Includes: attendance, quizzes, in-class group or individual work, discussion, short analysis writing and presentations. Late papers are not accepted unless pre-arranged. Missed group work, in-class writings or quizzes can't be made-up. Graded on scale of Excellent, Good or Unacceptable for college level work.

Criteria on written work: **1)** must exhibit the spirit of the assignment by mindful thinking about cultural meaning and learned material. **2)** must use of geographic terms. **3)** explain ideas and experiences with clear application of geographic concepts **4)** write clear organized ideas using correct grammar and spelling **5)** exhibit neatness of graphic work, **6)** follow instruction of the assignment .

If you have difficulty understanding the assignment, I have office hours and email to clarify your questions.

Record your Points Here and save all papers.

EXAM 1	25%	
EXAM 2	30%	
ASSIGNMENT & PARTICIPATION	25%	
MAP QUIZZES	20%	
TOTAL	100%	

DISABILITY SERVICES:

If you are having difficulty and are in need of academic support because of a documented disability, whether it be psychiatric, learning, physical, hard of hearing, or sensory, you may be eligible for academic accommodations through Disability Services. Contact the Disability Services office at 747-4501, ext. 2150.

SCHEDULE

Week 1 Apr. 1 Apr 3	Cultural Geography: What is it? What are the themes? How do learned behaviors and the experiences of people create cultural patterns? How can we apply geographic themes to our current world? Map Quiz – What you know now. Mental Maps and how we understand our world spatially. Maps as Tools. Culture is a learned behavior Video: Babies HOMEWORK: Read Chapter 1 for Thursday. Assignment: Map quiz 1 for this Thursday. Locate these large countries on world map CHINA, INDIA, AUSTRALIA, RUSSIA, JAPAN, SOUTH AFRICA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT, ITALY, BRAZIL, CANADA, MEXICO, and SPAIN. Find Lizardpoint.com. To use as a study tool. Map quiz 2 (next Thursday) will cover Latin America (i.e Middle and South American countries). The actual quiz maps are posted on moodle each week for you to download and use for practice. Apr 3 I will handout: The Abominable Pig. Assignment for APR 8: write a 1-2 page typed or legibly hand printed essay about examples of Geographic Themes found in the reading. Be ready to share it with fellow students, discuss and hand in.	
Week 2 Apr. 8 Apr 10	HOMEWORK: Read Chapter 2. Study for Map quiz 2: LATIN AMERICA Handout: Traditional and Modern Culture Assignment: between now and Apr 10, keep a list of elements you see in the landscape that remind you of folk culture and things you see in the landscape as pop culture. Photo captures are much encouraged. Use that cell phone! Folk and Popular cultures are two ends of a cultural spectrum. How do themes learned in Week 1 manifest differently in traditional/folk cultures and modern/pop cultures? What is fundamentally different about them? How do traditional and modern cultures overlap in support? Or clash to threaten? Why? Slides: Mapuche Indians of Chile / Mexican village/ African life in Ghana Video TBA	
Week 3 Apr. 15 Apr 17	Population Geography. Where do most people live and why? What important mapped statistical information gives insight into cultural norms of a region? How does that information and population pyramids enable predictions of the future? What influences some cultures to change demographic patterns quickly and others not? We will incorporate what we learned from last week into this chapter using the Demographic Transition Model to see its usefulness and its flaws. We will discuss settlement patterns and environmental influences. Migration Video: Migration in Southern Africa Botswana and Zimbabwe HOMEWORK: Read Chapter 3. In-class group work. You will hand in your group work on Thursday Apr 17 Map Quiz3: SOUTH EAST ASIA	
Week 4 Apr. 22 Apr 24	The Geography of Languages. Where are modern languages spoken? Are some languages related? How important is language to cultural? Do cultures perceive their world differently due to language? How and why do languages change? HOMEWORK: Read Chapter 4 Map Quiz 4: EUROPE Handouts: English by the Book; Words by the Decades; English Evolution	
Week 5 Apr. 29 May 1	Geographies of Race and Ethnicity. Understanding race as a social construct and how its history defines who we are as Americans. Ethnic “space” and “place” and why they are important. Migration, Identity and Acculturation; Assimilation Video: TBA HOMEWORK: Begin Reading on page 122 of Chapter 5 and read through 146. Map Quiz 5: AFRICA, ON AND NORTH OF THE EQUATOR	
Week 6 May 6 May 8	Tuesday Midterm 1. May 6. For Thursday May 8 Political Geography. What is “territory” and how do we organize cultures within. Electoral Geography and “place”. We will discuss different types of territories and their significance in the modern world. We will note the struggle of cultural traditions vs. modernization of political systems. HOMEWORK: Read Chapter 6. No map quiz or assignment this week due to midterm.	

Week 7 May 13 May 15	GEOGRAPHY OF RELIGION. What is religion and what are its roles within society? Where how and why are religion distributed in such patterns across the world? How does religion interact with other cultural traits? HOMEWORK: Read Chapter 7 Religion. Visit a religious site and list and sketch or photograph identifying features. It could be a cemetery, church, mosque synagogue, neighborhood, public space or other. Map Quiz 6 SW ASIA and MIDDLE EAST Video: TBA	
Week 8 May 20 May 22	Beginnings of AGRICULTURE and how it bound cultures through innovation and food. What where, and why are different types of food production found in the world today? Who are these farmers? From early domestication to GMOs what's next? Can sustainable agriculture feed the world's growing population? What are major changes to current food production? VIDEO: GMO HOMEWORK: Read Chapter 8 GEOGRAPHY OF AGRICULTURE Map quiz 7 ON EQUATOR AND SOUTHERN AFRICA Handout: 2014 Agriculture Conference Article. Assignment: Choose a food region or country in the world and research a menu for a traditional dinner. Talk about how the foods, preparation and spices became symbolic of this culture.	
Week 9 May 27 May 29	Urbanization: patterns, processes and landscapes. What are the origins of early urbanization models? Where are early hearth areas of urbanization? What do Site and Situation have to do with location of Urban Places? Globalization of modern cities and the impacts on sustainability. Cities and Climate change. Who is vulnerable? Video TBA HOMEWORK: Read Chapter 10 ASSIGNMENT: Select one city from figure 10.8 and find landscape photos to share. Look for and research a few iconic features of its urban landscape that makes it distinctive and unique to its culture. Please print out color copies if they are from the internet. We will share them among tables Map Quiz 8 ALL EAST ASIA	
Week 10 June 3, June 5	TBA Read Chapter 1. REVIEW GEOGRAPHIC THEMES Map Quiz 9 WORLD.	
Week Jun 9-13.	Final Exam Thursday at noon	

Course Grading Scale

+	A	89% on map quiz and test average AND ALL completed assignments are of good quality or better.	Superior comprehensive knowledge of college-level subject material and concepts of Geography
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+	B	80% on map quiz and test average AND 90% of completed assignments are of good quality or better.	Very good comprehensive understanding college level materials and concepts of Geography.
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+	C	70% on map quiz and test average AND 70% of completed assignments are of good quality or better .	Average college student knowledge of subject materials.
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	D	60% on map quiz and test average AND 60%completed assignments are of good quality or better.	Lacking comprehensive subject understanding.