

Geography 2050: Human Geography

Course Syllabus, Fall Semester 2008

CNR 41416

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Course Description and Objective:

The course is designed to introduce students to human geography through the study and analysis of humans in the landscape. It will offer a basic understanding of the interplay between people and place and the resulting impacts on space and spaces: how people's lives are influenced by the places that surround them and how they in turn create and change those places. Touching upon history, economics, demographics, the environment, culture, politics, agriculture, and planning, the course will provide insight on spatial (geographic) concepts relevant to contemporary issues such as social and economic globalization.

Required Text and reading materials:

Places and Regions in Global Context: Human Geography. (2007) 4th ed. By Paul L. Knox and Sallie A. Marston. Pearson Prentice Hall: Upper Saddle River, NJ.

There will also be additional reading materials made available throughout the semester. These will be posted to your elearning link in your portal (we will look at this the first day of class.)

Course background

As a student, I most respected those teachers who seemed organized, but also allowed time and opportunities for discussion. I very much hope that this course will meet these dual goals. The syllabus is intended to let you know where we are at and where we are going during the course year, but I also want students to feel free to ask questions and share opinions in every class. If discussions take us a bit off schedule, that is fine. I have responsibilities to the class as a whole. I will be well prepared and open to discussion at any time in the lecture, right after class, or during office hours. You can raise your hand at any time. I will also spend as much time as you wish out of class helping you in any way I can to help you master the material. It is far better to spend some moments with me early than to get lost and struggle, so feel free to speak with me.

Disabilities:

Any student with a documented disability (e.g. physical, learning, psychiatric, vision, hearing, etc) who needs to arrange reasonable accommodations must contact Ms. Beth Denhartigh at 387-2116 or email beth.denhartigh@wmich.edu at the beginning of the semester. That office must make a disability determination before the instructor provides any accommodations.

Library assistance:

For assistance in locating articles, books and additional reference materials relevant to the class contact Michael McDonnell, Library Liaison to the Geography Department. Phone: 387-5208. Email: Michael.McDonnell@wmich.edu, Room 2030, Second Floor, Waldo Library.

COURSE MEETING TIMES

Wednesday	September 3	Intro, overview	
Monday	September 8	Chapter one	Geography Matters
Wednesday	September 10		Reading 1
Monday	September 15	Chapter two	The changing global context
Wednesday	September 17		Reading 2
Monday	September 22	Chapter three	Geographies of Population
Wednesday	September 24		Reading 3
Monday	September 29	Chapter four	Nature and society
Wednesday	October 1	Mid-term 1	
Monday	October 6	Chapter five	Cultural geographies
Wednesday	October 8		Reading 4
Monday	October 13	Chapter six	Interpreting places and Landscapes
Wednesday	October 15		Reading 5
Monday	October 20	Chapter seven	The Geography of Economic Development
Wednesday	October 22		Reading 6
Monday	October 27	Chapter eight	Agriculture and Food Production
Wednesday	October 29	Mid-term 2	
Monday	November 3	Chapter nine	The Politics of Territory and Space
Wednesday	November 5		Reading 7
Monday	November 10	Chapter ten	Urbanization
Wednesday	November 12		Reading 8
Monday	November 17	Chapter eleven	City Spaces: Urban Structure
Wednesday	November 19		Reading 9
Monday	November 24	Chapter twelve	Future Geographies
Wednesday	November 26	NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING	
Monday	December 1		Reading 10
Wednesday	December 3		
Tuesday	December 9	FINAL EXAM: 12:30-2:30	REGULAR CLASSROOM

A Quick note on cheating

The Faculty Senate Executive Board has suggested that the following statement regarding academic integrity be included in all syllabi:

“You are responsible for making yourself aware of and understanding the policies and procedures in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs that pertain to Academic Honesty. These policies include cheating, fabricating, falsification and forgery, multiple submission, plagiarism, complicity and computer misuse [policies can be found at <http://catalog.wmich.edu> under Academic Policies, Student Rights and Responsibilities.] If there is a reason to believe you have been involved in academic dishonesty, you will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. You will be given the opportunity to review the charge (s). If you believe you are not responsible, you will have the opportunity for a

hearing. You should consult with your instructor if you are uncertain about an issue of academic honesty prior to the submission of an assignment or test.” Please don’t do it!!

Course Grading

10 reading Quizzes	10 points each – 100 Points
Mid-term 1	100 Points
Mid-term 2	100 Points
Final Exam	<u>200</u> Points
	500 total Points per semester

There will be opportunities for extra credit throughout the semester but **no missed quizzes or exams may be made up**. If you wish to know your grade to date, check your portal under my grades. The letter grading scale for the course is as follows:

A	93.0 percent or more
BA	88.0 – 92.9
B	83.0 – 87.9
CB	78.0 – 82.9
C	72.0 – 77.9
DC	68.0 – 71.9
D	60.0 – 67.9
E (Fail)	Below 59.9