

Geography 100
Society, Space, Environment: Introducing Human Geography
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Calendar Description:

A survey of how humans shape their world, considered from spatial and environmental perspectives. Themes include population, culture, resources, livelihood, cities. Breadth-Social Sciences.

Prerequisite:

None.

Course objectives:

This course introduces the basic systematic approaches in the study of contemporary human geography including the distribution of population, spatial aspects of economic, cultural and political development, landscape and resource study.

More specifically this course will show you why (human) geography matters in any efforts to understand our contemporary society. We will consider where people are, our interactions with nature, the geography of (uneven) development, urbanization, and the geography of culture. The overall purpose of this course is to provide you with a background for more advanced course work not only in geography but other social science disciplines as well.

Course structure:

This course is a lecture format. Weekly this course will have one 2-hour lecture (Tuesdays, 8:30am to 10:20am) and one 1-hour lecture (Fridays, 8:30am to 9:20am).

Course evaluation:

Mid-term	30%
Final exam	40%
Written Assignments (3):	30%

Required Textbook:

Knox/Marsten/Nash. *Human Geography: Places and Regions in Global Context*. Third Canadian Edition, Pearson.

Required Textbook:

Hays/Giles. *Communicating in Geography and the Environmental Sciences*. First Canadian Edition, Oxford.

Lecture topics, schedule, and readings:

Week (Tuesday's Date)	Reading	Tuesday Topic	Friday Topic
1 (08 May)	Chapter 1	Geography Matters	Written Assignment How-To
2 (15 May)	Chapter 2	The Changing Global Context	Mapping Human Activity
3 (22 May)	Chapter 3	Geographies of Population	Quantitative Human Geography
4 (29 May)	Chapter 4	Nature, Society, and Technology	Health Geographies
5 (05 June)	Chapter 5	Mapping Cultural Identities	The Geography of Immigration
7 (12 June)	No reading	Midterm exam	Class cancelled
8 (19 June)	Chapter 6	Interpreting Places and Landscapes	The Layers of Places
9 (26 June)	Chapter 7	The Geography of Economic Development	Capital's Crisis and the Spatial Fix
10 (03 July)	Chapter 8	Agriculture and Food Production	Class cancelled
11 (10 July)	Chapter 9	The Politics of Territory and Space	Economic Geography
12 (17 July)	Chapter 10	Urbanization	The Geography of International Trade
13 (24 July)	Chapter 11	City Spaces: Urban Structure	Urban Geography
14 (31 July)	Chapter 12	Future Geographies	The Geography of Crime

Details of the Written Assignments

The written assignments are based on the “Key Terms” at the end of each chapter in your textbook. You are to use one key term for each written assignment, based on the table below.

The assignment is to: 1) choose an appropriate key term (indicating which chapter it came from), 2) enter that key term into a research search engine (a legitimate one through our library such as Web of Science, Geobase, or Academic Search Premier), 3) from your search choose one academic journal article, 4) summarize the academic journal article in two (2) double-spaced pages.

Your summary should include the academic journal article reference, the thesis of the academic journal article (the question it tries to ask), the methods it uses (be very brief and you do not have to understand the methods), the main points of the academic journal article, the conclusion of the academic journal article, and your brief assessment (do you believe it?).

If you have any concern over the journal (is it academic, etc.) or the appropriateness of the article itself, contact the professor or TM. A general rule of thumb is that an academic journal article in human geography will be at least 10 pages long.

Late work will **NOT** normally be accepted. Students should not ask for an extension except in cases of extreme hardship. Acceptable excuses for lateness include (but are not limited to) such things as a nuclear war (in which you are directly involved), earthquake (magnitude 6.5 or greater on the Richter Scale, with the epicenter within 1km of your work or home area), incarceration (your own, for a period of 30 days or more).

Plagiarism will **NOT** be tolerated. At a minimum, plagiarism will result in an “F” on an assignment; more often, cases of plagiarism will be reported to the Registrar. If you receive two of these reports over the course of your degree, it is noted on your transcripts permanently.

See the following resources in order to avoid plagiarism:

<http://www.lib.sfu.ca/help/writing/plagiarism>

Written assignment	Key term to be chosen from chapters	Due date
1	1, 2, 3, 4	01 June 2012
2	5, 6, 7, 8	29 June 2012
3	9, 10, 11, 12	03 August 2012

ATTENTION STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY: Please contact the Centre for Students with Disabilities, (MBC 1250 or Phone 778-782-3112) if you need or require assistance, not your individual instructors.

N.B.: Students are reminded that attendance in the first week of classes is important. However, there are no tutorials in the first week.

Assignments not submitted to the Professor/T.A. during class/office hours must be placed in the security box at the School of Criminology General Office (Saywell Hall). The box is emptied Monday to Friday at 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. only and the contents are date stamped accordingly. No other department's date stamp will apply (e.g. Library/Campus Security) and the School of Criminology is not responsible for assignments submitted any other way (e.g. slid under office doors).

E-mail policy: The School of Criminology STRONGLY DISCOURAGES the use of e-mail in lieu of office hour visits. Criminology advises its instructional staff that they are NOT required to respond to student e-mails and that students wishing to confer with them should do so in person during scheduled meeting times.

The University does NOT accept assignments by fax.

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