

Geography 406/506: Population Geography

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Course Objectives: Students will learn the key spatial features, characteristics, and patterns of population geography, with an emphasis on current international population issues and trends. After completing the course, students should not only know how basic population measures, such as fertility, mortality, etc, differ from place to place around the globe, but they should be able to connect these demographic trends to other issues, such as economic development, women's rights, or environmental change.

University Mission Statement: Approved by MU Board of Governors on May 12, 2004
"Marshall University will educate a citizenry capable of living and working effectively in a global environment."

This Course meets **General Education Core Outcome 6: International Studies.**

Students will learn to:

1. Describe, explain, and analyze diplomatic, political, social, economic, and technological interaction among nations, peoples, cultures: including (but not limited to) ethnic tensions, multinational corporations, international structures and liberation movements of the 20th and 21st centuries.
2. Utilize historical, political, geographical, sociological and anthropological concepts
3. Describe, explain and analyze the cultural, economic geographical, political, religious, and social dimensions of major world religions and /or nations of global significance in the 20th and 21st century
4. Describe, explain, and analyze the major issues, concerns and problems of a global scope (e.g., environmental degradations, maintenance of peace and underdevelopment, population growth, human rights, etc.

Textbook: *Population Geography: Problems, Concepts, and Prospects* by Peters and Larkin, 7th edition, 2002.

Additional readings will be placed on reserve at the library or made available in class.

Evaluation: Your final course grade will be based on a total of 200 points comprised of the following: Three exams each worth 50 points and 50 points for class participation and attendance.

Final grades are determined by the following percentage scale: A=100-90; B=89-80; C=79-70; D=69-60; F=59 or less

Graduate students please see me about additional course requirements

Late Policy and Attendance: The grade on all tests will be automatically reduced by 10% per day late. If unavoidable circumstances arise such as illness or family emergency, you are expected to contact me before the test. You are also expected to attend class and participate actively. If you have to miss a class, you are still responsible for the material covered during your absence. For inclement weather, see the MU policies in *Undergraduate Catalog*.

Academic Honesty: All exams are to be completed individually, without assistance for any other person whether they are enrolled in the course or not. Plagiarism, whether one sentence or the entire exam, is unacceptable. At Marshall, plagiarism is defined as “submitting as one’s own work or creation any material or an idea wholly or in part created by another” (see the MU *Undergraduate Catalog*). If you have questions whether you may be plagiarizing something or how to correctly cite a source, you can contact me before you turn in the assignment without penalty. Any student violating these policies will receive a zero for that exam and will be reported to Academic Affairs.

Students with disabilities should contact me within the first two weeks of class.

Tentative Schedule

Week 1 – INTRO TO COURSE. WHAT IS POPULATION GEOGRAPHY?

Week 2 – POPULATION DATA AND WORLD POPULATION HISTORY
(EX: DATA SOURCES, HISTORY, PROJECTIONS)

Week 3 – THEORIES OF POPULATION CHANGE
(EX: MALTHUS, MARX, DEMOGRAPHIC TRANSITION MODEL)

Week 4 – FERTILITY, MORTALITY, AND LIFE EXPECTANCY
(EX: GLOBAL PATTERNS AND TRENDS)

Week 5 – **EXAM 1**

Week 6 – POPULATION GEOGRAPHY IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
(EX: EUROPE, RUSSIA, JAPAN)

Week 7 – POPULATION GEOGRAPHY IN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES
(EX: CHINA, INDIA, KENYA)

Week 8 – VOLUNTARY MIGRATION
(EX: MEXICO, TURKEY, EASTERN EUROPE)

Week 9 – FORCED MIGRATION
(EX: SUDAN, CENTRAL ASIA, CONGO)

Week 10 – **EXAM 2**

Week 11 – URBANIZATION
(EX: CHINA, BRAZIL, SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA)
(GRADUATE PRESENTATIONS)

Week 12 – MALNUTRITION/FAMINE
(EX: SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA, CHINA, CENTRAL ASIA)
(GRADUATE PRESENTATIONS)

Week 13 – POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE
(EX: CHINA, BRAZIL, SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA)
(GRADUATE PRESENTATIONS)

Week 14 – COURSE SUMMARY
FIVE POPULATION TRENDS THAT WILL SHAPE THE 21ST CENTURY

1. POPULATION GROWTH
2. POPULATION DECLINE
3. MIGRATION/REFUGEES
4. URBANIZATION
5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

(GRADUATE PRESENTATIONS)

Week 15 – **Exam 3**