GEO 2410: Social Geography
University of Florida · Department of Geography
Section 01F6 · Summer A 2015
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Course Description
This survey course introduces geography as a social science. Various social concepts presented from a spatial perspective, including urbanization, population change, political & economic geographies.

Course Materials
- Any world atlas, recent edition (recommended).

General Requirements
Requirements for this course include three exams, a presentation, and weekly map quizzes. The exams will be based on materials presented in both the lectures and the required readings. I reserve the right to give pop quizzes on the readings if class participation is low.

NOTE: Make-ups exams cannot be given, except in documented emergencies in which the instructor has been contacted in advance or as soon afterwards as possible. Requests for such exceptions must be submitted in writing, with full explanations and documentation attached. The format of any make-up will be at my discretion.

Course Objectives
This course meets the General Education requirements for Social and Behavioral Science (S) and Diversity (D) classification. Courses in these classifications provide instruction in the history, key themes, principles, terminology, and underlying theory or methodologies used in the social and behavioral sciences in a broad global context. Students will learn to identify, describe and explain social institutions, structures or processes. These courses emphasize the effective application of accepted problem-solving techniques. Students will apply formal and informal qualitative or quantitative analysis to examine the processes and means by which individuals make personal and group decisions, as well as the evaluation of opinions, outcomes or human behavior. Students are expected to assess and analyze ethical perspectives in individual and societal decisions. These objectives will be met through the following specific objectives for our course:
- Obtain an understanding of the language and methods of spatial relations and organization with regard to human social activity
- Learn to relate theoretical spatial applications to real-world scenarios
- Critically evaluate and articulate geography’s role as a social science
Class Website
The course will have a website on UF’s Canvas system, used for posting grades and course materials as well as for submitting assignments. You can access it by logging on to your personal Canvas site at https://lss.at.ufl.edu.

Assessment and Grades

- **Exams – 75%**
  There will be three exams. Each exam will be some combination of multiple-choice, short answer, and fill-in-the-blank questions, based on readings, class discussion and lectures.

- **Presentation – 10%**
  One role of the social sciences is social engagement. As part of this course, you are required to undertake a socially beneficial activity and report to the class on what you do. Presentations will take place over the course of the semester. You’ll have an opportunity to sign up for a timeslot to present in during the first week of class.

- **Syllabus Quiz – 5%**
  There will be a short quiz on the syllabus during the first week of classes to ensure you are familiar with the requirements of the course. It will be completed in Canvas, due on May 13.

- **Map Quizzes – 10%**
  While this is not a regional geography course, knowledge of the different world regions’ geographies is still important for understanding topics we discuss. Accordingly, there will be a short map quizzes each week. The region and topic of the quiz will be announced on Monday each week, and the quiz will be given on Thursday each week.

Grading Scale
Grades will be on a 100-point scale. Information on how UF calculates grade point averages is available at https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx.

Final marks will be determined from the following scale:

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**Note:** A grade of C or higher is required to receive general education credit for this course.
Class Schedule & Readings

Readings are from the textbook unless otherwise indicated.

Week 1. (May 11-15) Introduction to Course, What is Geography, Globalization & Cultural Geography (Chapters 1 & 2)

Week 2. (May 18-22) Changing Geographies of Industry and Services (Chapter 10),

   NOTE: Exam 1 May 22

Week 3. (May 25-29) Population & Migration, Geographies of Language and Religion (Chapters 3, 4, 5)

Week 4. (June 1-5) Geographies of Identity, Political Geographies (Chapters 6 & 7),

   NOTE: Exam 2 June 5

Week 5. (June 8-12) Urban Geographies, Geographies of Development (Chapters 8 & 9)

Week 6. (June 15-19) Agricultural Geographies, Environmental Challenges (Chapters 11 & 12)

   NOTE: Exam 3 June 19

This schedule is tentative. If changes are made, they will be announced as soon as possible.

Academic Integrity

You should read the University’s Guide to academic honesty, which is available online at http://www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/procedures/academicguide.php. Plagiarism and other violations of academic honesty are unacceptable. If you are found to have cheated, you will be penalized by the reduction of your course grade, and may be subject to further penalties. You should expect the minimum penalty to be a failing grade for the course.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodations.

Course Evaluations

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course based on 10 criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at https://evaluations.ufl.edu. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results.
Statement on Intellectual Property Rights
Course materials prepared by the instructor, together with the content of all lectures and review sessions presented by the instructor are the property of the instructor. Video and audio recording of lectures and review sessions without the consent of the instructor is prohibited. On request, the instructor will usually grant permission for students to audio tape lectures, on the condition that these audio tapes are only used as a study aid by the individual making the recording. Unless explicit permission is obtained from the instructor, recordings of lectures and review sessions may not be modified and must not be transferred or transmitted to any other person, whether or not that individual is enrolled in the course.

Course Attendance, Make-Ups, etc.
Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at:
https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx

UF Grading Policies
University policy on grade point averages for courses is available at:
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Online Course Evaluations
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