

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: GEOG 7

Title: HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

Full Title: Introduction to Human Geography

Last Reviewed: 9/23/2024

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	6	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

Catalog Description:
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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended Preparation:
Course Eligibility for ENGL 1A

Limits on Enrollment:

Schedule of Classes Information:
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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended: Course Eligibility for ENGL 1A

Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

Repeatability: Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	D	Social and Behavioral Sciences	Spring 1982	
CSU GE:	Transfer Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	D	Social Science	Fall 2012	
	D5	Geography		
	D	Social Science	Fall 1991	Summer 2012
	D1	Anthropology and Archeology		
	D3	Ethnic Studies		
	D5	Geography		
	D6	History		
	D	Social Science	Fall 1981	Summer 1991
	D1	Anthropology and Archeology		
	D3	Ethnic Studies		
	D6	History		

IGETC:	Transfer Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	4	Social and Behavioral Science	Fall 1981	
	4E	Geography		

CSU Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Spring 1982	Inactive:
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UC Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Spring 1982	Inactive:
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CID:

CID Descriptor:	GEOG 120	Introduction to Human Geography
SRJC Equivalent Course(s):		GEOG7

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Outcomes and Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Recognize and identify relationships between human geography and other disciplines.
2. Compare and contrast models, hierarchies, and classification schemes and apply them to geographic issues.
3. Differentiate between theoretical and empirical approaches, and relationships or principles based on these approaches and cite examples of each.
4. Compare and contrast fundamental social science concepts such as cultural traits, cultural evolution, diffusion, determinism, free will, and ethnocentrism.
5. Use, analyze and interpret maps and other geographic data.
6. Explain the origins, characteristic, processes, and distribution of the world's major economic and political systems, and culture areas.
7. Identify fundamental commonalities of human experience in diverse environments, and the

role of tradition, gender, education, technology and globalization in human response to environmental change.

8. Examine relationships between birth, death, and migration statistics and calculate and interpret population sizes and growth rates.

Topics and Scope:

Topics will include, but are not be limited to:

- I. Core geographic concepts
 - a. Social science methods
 - b. Location and place
 - c. Regions
 - d. Scale: local, regional and global patterns
 - e. Space: distribution of features
 - f. Connections between places
 - g. Maps, map reading, and other geographical tools
- II. Population
 - a. Demographic indicators
 - b. Demographic transition
 - c. Population pyramids
 - d. Distribution
 - e. Density
 - f. Controls
- III. Migration
 - a. Patterns
 - b. Types
 - c. Controls
- IV. Ethnicity
 - a. Race vs. ethnicity
 - b. Ethnic diversity
 - c. Distribution
 - d. Conflicts
 - e. Impacts on the landscape
- V. Language
 - a. Origin and diffusion
 - b. Classification
 - c. Distribution
 - d. Modifications
- VI. Religion
 - a. Classification
 - b. Origin and diffusion
 - c. Major world religions
 - d. Global distribution
- VII. Folk and popular culture
 - a. Origin and diffusion
 - b. Influence of the physical environment
 - c. Material culture
 - d. Impact of globalization
 - e. Environmental impacts
- VIII. Political geography
 - a. States, nations and nation-states

- b. Evolution of the modern state
- c. Shapes, boundaries and locations
- d. Distribution
- e. Cooperation among states
- f. Terrorism
- IX. Urban patterns
 - a. Urbanization
 - b. Origins of cities
 - c. Functions
 - d. Structure
 - e. Global distribution
 - f. Changes
- X. Agriculture
 - a. Origin and diffusion
 - b. Classification and forms
 - c. Distribution
- XI. Development
 - a. Economic, social and demographic indicators
 - b. Distribution
- XII. Resource extraction
 - a. Fishing
 - b. Forestry
 - c. Mining and quarrying
- XIII. Manufacturing and Industry
 - a. Origins
 - b. Location considerations
 - c. Patterns and trends
 - d. Problems associated with
 - e. Global distribution
- XIV. Services
 - a. Types
 - b. Hierarchy
 - c. Distribution patterns
- XV. Human impacts on the natural environment
 - a. Renewable and non-renewable resources
 - b. Resource depletion
 - c. Pollution

Assignment:

1. Assigned readings (20-40 pages per week)
2. Assignments: written homework; problem solving exercises; mapping assignments (8-16)
3. Quizzes (4 to 12)
4. Written papers (4-8, 1-2 pages in length) and/or research paper (0-1, 4-8 pages in length)
5. Exams (3-5)

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Written homework, written papers, research paper

Writing
15 - 40%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

problem solving exercises, homework problems, mapping assignments

Problem solving
15 - 40%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

Skill Demonstrations
0 - 0%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quizzes, objective exams (multiple choice, etc.) that include short answer and essay questions

Exams
40 - 70%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Participation and attendance

Other Category
0 - 10%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

An Introduction to Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape, 10th edition. Rubenstein, James M. Pearson/Prentice Hall: 2011

Places and Regions in Global Context: Human Geography, 5th Edition. Knox, Paul L. and Marston, Sallie A. Pearson/Prentice Hall: 2010.

Human Geography: People, Place, and Culture, 9th edition. Fouberg, Erin H., Murphy, Alexander B., and de Blij, H.J. John Wiley & Sons: 2010.