

Human Geography

GEOG - 1400 001

Course Description

The course introduces students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine socioeconomic organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their research and applications.

Semester: All

Course Student Learning Outcomes

- Apply the technology used to measure and analyze natural processes, such as satellite imagery, aerial photography, geographic information systems (GIS), global positioning systems (GPS), and other forms of scientific data.
- Characterize and analyze changing interconnections among around the world places.
- Interpret the relationships among patterns and processes at different scales of analysis.
- Describe some of the problems of economic development and cultural change.
- Examine the implications of population growth, changing fertility rates, and international migration.
- Explain the technological innovation on transportation, communication, industrialization, and other aspects of human life.
- Analyze the struggles over political power and control of territory.

- Examine conflicts over the demands of ethnic minorities, the role of women in society, and the inequalities between developed and developing economies.
- Compare how and why location matters to agricultural land use, industrial development, and urban problems.
- Analyze the role of climate change and environmental abuses in shaping the human landscapes of Earth.

Course Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Engagement Plan

Example language:

- I will respond to email within 24 hours. I will offer feedback on major assignments within 48 hours. The best way to contact me is via the Canvas Inbox, as I will prioritize this email over other modes of communication.
- In this course I will be posting interactive announcements which will offer specific opportunities for class questions and extra credit every other week.
- Additionally, I will be participating in the discussion forums with you to share my perspective within the discipline and to offer some nuances of interpretation that may not be present in your textbook.
- Lastly, we'll be holding small group Q & A sessions, where we can learn from our peers (and faculty) on some of the more difficult units within the course.

Keys for Success (how to succeed in the course)

Staying on top of your assignments and modules will help throughout the course. Email me at anytime if you run into difficulties or have any questions.

Brief Description of Assignments/Exams

With each module there will be 1-2 assignments along with a short quiz. At the end of three modules you will have an exam that will cover the modules. Knowing the material will help you throughout the quiz and exam. There will be three exams during this course.

Assignment Schedule

Due Date	Assignment Name	Assignment Type	Points
	Introduce Yourself	Discussion	0
	Stateless People Discussion	Discussion	10
9/2/25	1.1 Assignment Distance and Scale	Quiz	5
9/2/25	1.2 Assignment Topography	Quiz	9
9/2/25	1.4 Assignment Study Quiz	Quiz	14
9/5/25	1.3 Discussion Human Geography	Discussion	20
9/11/25	2.1 Assignment World Population	Quiz	20
9/11/25	2.2 Assignment Population Dynamics	Quiz	8
9/11/25	2.3 Assignment USA Demographics	Quiz	8
9/11/25	2.4 Assignment Migration on the Move	Quiz	9
9/11/25	2.5 Quiz Population and Migration	Quiz	18

Grading Scale

Grade

Grade Point Equivalent

Percentage Equivalent

A	4.0	93.0-100.0
A-	3.7	90.0-92.9
B+	3.3	87.1-89.9
B	3.0	83.0-87.0
B-	2.7	80.0-82.9
C+	2.3	77.1-79.9
C	2.0	73.0-77.0
C-	1.7	70.0-72.9
D+	1.3	67.1-69.9
D	1.0	60.0-67.0
F	0.0	below 60.0

How to Navigate to Canvas

Online Tutoring

Students at SLCC have access to online tutoring through Canvas. From your Canvas course click Online Tutoring in the course navigation and follow the steps to set up an appointment. If this is your first time using the Online Tutoring we recommend you click "Take a Tour" to familiarize yourself with the service.

Note that students only receive 480 minutes of tutoring time each semester. After that we encourage you to use the resources found through this link:

<https://www.slcc.edu/tutoring/index.aspx>

If you have any additional questions reach out to ellearningsupport@slcc.edu.

Institutional Policies

As members of our academic community, we would like to invite you to review the Institutional Syllabus which covers important policies and procedures. This document contains important links for students on the code of student rights and responsibilities, academic integrity, and grading policies, Title IX and other important acknowledgements. By familiarizing yourself with this information, you can help us create a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

For more information, navigate to the Institutional Policies tab on the [Institutional Syllabus](#) page.

Learning Support and Tutoring Services

We are pleased to offer a range of tutoring and learning support services to help you achieve your academic goals. Whether you need assistance with a specific subject or want to improve your study skills, you have many options for tutoring or other support.

To learn more about the services we offer and how to access them, visit the [Institutional Syllabus](#) page under the Tutoring and Learning Support tab. We encourage you to take advantage of these resources to help you succeed in your studies. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a tutoring session, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you in any way we can.

Advising and Counseling Support Services

At our institution, we are committed to supporting your academic and personal growth. That's why we offer a range of advising and counseling services to help you navigate the challenges of college life. To learn more about the resources available to you and how to access them, visit the [Institutional Syllabus](#) page under the Advising and Counseling Support Services tab. Our advising team and the support centers across campus are here to support you in achieving your goals and overcoming any obstacles you may face.

Student Academic Calendar

As students you should be aware of all important dates in the semester, such as the day that courses begin and end, as well as the drop date and the last day to withdraw. To learn more about those dates, navigate to the Student Academic Calendar below:

[SLCC Student Academic Calendar](#)