

## Spring 2010 Syllabus for Geography 165

**Human Geography:** Introduction to basic theory and concepts of Human Geography. This course provides information concerning spatial perspectives on human societies in a modernizing world with regional examples of these concepts including but not limited to the use of space and environmental resources and elements of geographic planning.

### COURSE LOGISTICS AND MEETING TIMES

031 TLC (Teaching and Learning Center)  
MWF 12:30AM - 1:20PM  
01/15/2010-05/11/2010

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You should address me as Dr. Frazier, Professor Frazier, or Lord Vader but nothing else (at least to my face).

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### TEXTBOOK

The required textbook for Geography 165 is: *Human Geography: Places and Regions in Global Context / 5<sup>th</sup> Edition* / Paul Knox and Sallie Marston. The text is on reserve in the Library. There will be additional texts and articles posted on Blackboard that you will be also responsible to read.

### PURPOSE OF THE COURSE

The purpose of Human Geography 165 is to introduce students to the breadth of contemporary human geography. It explores both the range of topics that geographers study and some of the concepts and methods they use to study them. Major topics include the spatial organization of human activities; ways in which social processes and structures can be understood through a geographic lens; and geographic perspectives on human-environment interactions.

**COURSE STRUCTURE**

The lecture component of this course will primarily consist of lectures given by the professor, movies and short documentaries viewed in class, and reading material in the form of the textbook and other readings hosted on BlackBoard. It is important that you keep up with the reading assignments as the semester progresses as a portion of your grade will depend upon your proficiency in understanding the material covered in the readings.

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND GRADES**

It is the responsibility of the student to inform the instructor of any absence that may excuse the student from an assignment prior to missing that assignment. *Translation* – if you are going to be absent and it is excused (fieldtrip for another course, UI excused activities) and you do not let the instructor know prior to being absent then you **Will NOT** be allowed to make up the missed work. Students will have no more than two weeks after their first day back from being absent to make up any missed work (I am not going back at the end of the semester and changing grades because you realize if you had turned in an assignment you would have gotten an A).

Students are responsible for the following work (with percentages of their grades outlined below):

Exam 1	(25%)
Exam 2	(25%)
Final Exam	(25%)
Quizzes & Papers	(25%)

With the exception of in-class quizzes, the course calendar indicates the approximate dates for these assignments.

There will be **NO** extra credit available for this course

**GRADES**

All grades in Geography 165 are based on the following percentages:

**GRADE SCALE**

<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>% Range</i>
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	Below 60

**EXAMS**

There will be three exams for geography 165 consisting of multiple choice, short answer, and true and false questions. Students may have the entire class period to take each exam. The exams are NOT cumulative (covering the entire course) although knowledge acquired is cumulative. All exams will include material

covered in the lecture portion of the course, as well as content from the required readings that may or may not be covered in class lectures. Again, approximate dates for exams can be found in the course calendar with the exception of the final which is scheduled at the following time:

**The Final Exam for Geography 165 will take place on: Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-2:30**

***Make-up exams.*** No make-up exams will be given in Geography 165 unless (1) *prearranged with the Instructor* 24 hours prior to the exam or (2) *resulting from a documented emergency* (such as an illness). ***Documentation is necessary in any and every case.*** For example, for a death in the family, a copy of the obituary with the student's name or of the death certificate is required. *Students missing an exam will receive a grade of zero unless these conditions are met.* Any other excuses, such as oversleeping, getting the exam or quiz date wrong, having other tests or papers on the same day, or choosing to be out of town for frivolous reasons, are not valid. Extra assignments to compensate for poor exam grades or incomplete/poor quiz or project grades are not available. **Make up exams, when offered, will be administered in essay format.**

***Accommodating Disabilities.*** The University of Idaho encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. Contact the instructor promptly at the outset of the course if you need any type of accommodation.

## **OTHER ASSIGNMENTS**

There will various assignments related to the readings and the movies we cover throughout the semester. All students will write two (1.5 to 2 pages typed double spaced) position papers based on any of the in-class movies, or any of the additional readings posted on BlackBoard. Any other topics for position papers must be pre-approved by the instructor. More information will be provided at a later date on the specifics of these position papers.

***Policy for Late Assignments.*** All exercises are due at the times indicated in the *Course Calendar*. Late assignments will be penalized, so get in the habit of turning them in on time! Late assignments turned in after the due date will be accepted with a **10%** per day penalty (weekends count as one day). No assignment will be accepted if they are more than 2 weeks late. If late exercises are not handed in by this time, you will receive a grade of zero. Due dates for students with a doctor's note will be determined on an individual basis.

## **PARTICIPATION**

The lecture topics and readings are found in the *Course Calendar*. To get the most out of this course, you should read the assigned material before coming to class. Various other readings and assignments may be given to complement the substantive material discussed in class. If it is assigned then it is important so do the work. There will be ample opportunity to participate in class discussion but in order to do so intelligently you should come to class prepared (read the assigned text).

## **DISCUSSIONS**

In any class there are bound to be individuals with different viewpoints about issues. All viewpoints are valid in a discussion; therefore, you are expected to be respectful of others even if you disagree with their statements or opinions. By being receptive to new, and perhaps different, ideas you will enhance your own learning experience. It is up to the discretion of the professor as to what constitutes civil classroom behavior during discussion. Please feel free to express any opinion you may have but bullying of classmates in any manner during this course will not be tolerated.

## **COURSE ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY**

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will result in an automatic 'F' for the assignment and/or the course grade, as well a possible disciplinary action by the University. This consists of cheating on exams or plagiarism on papers, posters or lab assignments. Plagiarism includes using another author's work as your own or fabricating information or citations in your paper. Copying someone else's work verbatim without citation is plagiarism and will not be tolerated.

The Professor will levy penalties for academic dishonesty in accordance with published university policies. Please read <http://www.webs.uidaho.edu/fsh/2300.html#ARTICLE%20II> for more information about what constitutes academic dishonesty.

## **BLACKBOARD**

Course material such as lectures and various exercises or assignments will be available on BlackBoard throughout the semester. Other material such as additional readings may also be provided. This material can be accessed at the following web address: <http://www.blackboard.uidaho.edu> (Login: UI Account & Password) (same as Novell). The user forum on BlackBoard is available for students to answer each other's questions regarding exercises or course content. Please note: This is not the appropriate place to ask questions regarding grades.

Placing PowerPoint lectures and other course information on BlackBoard is not done so with the intent to facilitate missing class or for you to not take appropriate notes during class lectures. PLEASE do not attempt to use this material as a substitute for attending class.