

# GEOG 102 Principles of Human Geography

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**M/W/F 3:00-3:50 pm 317 Lindley Hall**

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## Course Description

This introduction to the approaches and topics of human geography essentially explores how our world works. We will concern ourselves with the cultural, economic, political and environmental dimensions of human existence, examining how they affect our lives and how they vary from place to place. Perhaps most importantly, we will consider how they join together to create the exciting, strange, varied world in which we live.

Geography is an academic approach: it prioritises place as the focus of study as allows us to integrate a range of factors in understanding issues. This course will also introduce the various ways that geographers have addressed the world around them.

Geographical study is based in the “real world,” so we will be using many examples and case studies to examine such diverse topics as globalization, urbanization, colonial imperial relations and conceptions of the Other (how ‘we’ view other peoples and places).

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## Required Texts

Knox, P.L. & Marston, S.A. *Places and Regions in Global Context: Human Geography* 4<sup>th</sup> edition.

Any good *world atlas* – as recent as possible

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The textbook has a great companion website at

**[http://wps.prenhall.com/esm\\_knox\\_humangeo\\_4](http://wps.prenhall.com/esm_knox_humangeo_4)**

There you will find chapter summaries, vocabulary lists practice quizzes (Under “Concept Review” and “Thinking Spatially”, related links (under “Destinations”), and suggestions for taking notes, preparing for tests, etc. (under Study Guides and Strategies).

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## Evaluation

Your understanding of the material will be assessed and evaluated by three methods. **(1) Exams** will consist of multiple choice questions drawn from the readings, class lectures and map identification questions. There will also be short answer essay questions (answer three to five sentences). **(2) Three short writing assignments** (1/2 page to 2 pages **typewritten double-spaced**) will permit you to demonstrate your knowledge and interpretation of some of the issues addressed. More information about these assignments will be given in class. **(3) Finally**, your willingness to **participate** in and contribute to class will be rewarded, or *not* if you don't come to class or participate. Your final grade (A B C D F) will consist of:

Exam I - 100 points  
 Exam II - 100 points  
 Final Exam - 100 points  
 Class Participation - 25 points

Writing Assignment #1 – 25 points  
 Writing Assignment #2 – 25 points  
 Writing Assignment #3 – 25 points  
**Total Possible Points – 400 points**

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| 17-Aug | Welcome and Introduction to the course |
| 20-Aug | 10 Maxims of Geography                 |
| 22-Aug | 10 Maxims of Geography                 |
| 24-Aug | 10 Maxims of Geography                 |
| 27-Aug | Chapter 1: Geography Matters           |
| 29-Aug | Chapter 1: Geography Matters           |
| 31-Aug | Chapter 1: Geography Matters           |
| 3-Sep  | <b>Labor Day</b> no classes            |
| 5-Sep  | Chapter 2: The Changing Global Context |
| 7-Sep  | Chapter 2: The Changing Global Context |
| 10-Sep | Chapter 2: The Changing Global Context |
| 12-Sep | Chapter 4: Nature and Society          |
| 14-Sep | Chapter 4: Nature and Society          |
| 17-Sep | Chapter 4: Nature and Society          |
| 19-Sep | REVIEW FOR EXAM I                      |
| 21-Sep | <b>Exam I</b>                          |

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| 24-Sep | Chapter 5: Cultural Geographies                  |
| 26-Sep | Chapter 5: Cultural Geographies                  |
| 28-Sep | Chapter 5: Cultural Geographies                  |
| 1-Oct  | Chapter 5: Cultural Geographies                  |
| 3-Oct  | Chapter 6: Interpreting Places and Landscapes    |
| 5-Oct  | Chapter 6: Interpreting Places and Landscapes    |
| 8-Oct  | Chapter 6: Interpreting Places and Landscapes    |
| 10-Oct | Chapter 6: Interpreting Places and Landscapes    |
| 12-Oct | <b>Fall Break</b>                                |
| 15-Oct | Chapter 7: The Geography of Economic Development |
| 17-Oct | Chapter 7: The Geography of Economic Development |
| 19-Oct | Chapter 7: The Geography of Economic Development |
| 22-Oct | Chapter 9: The Politics of Territory and Space   |
| 24-Oct | Chapter 9: The Politics of Territory and Space   |
| 26-Oct | Chapter 9: The Politics of Territory and Space   |
| 29-Oct | REVIEW FOR EXAM II                               |
| 31-Oct | <b>Exam II</b>                                   |
| 2-Nov  | Chapter 10: Urbanization                         |
| 5-Nov  | Chapter 10: Urbanization                         |
| 7-Nov  | Chapter 10: Urbanization                         |
| 9-Nov  | Chapter 11: City Spaces: Urban Structure         |
| 12-Nov | Chapter 11: City Spaces: Urban Structure         |
| 14-Nov | Chapter 11: City Spaces: Urban Structure         |
| 16-Nov | Chapter 11: City Spaces: Urban Structure         |
| 19-Nov | Chapter 11: City Spaces: Urban Structure         |
| 21-Nov | <b>Thanksgiving Break</b>                        |

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| 23-Nov | <b>Thanksgiving Break</b>   |
| 26-Nov | Chapter 12: Future Geographies                                    |
| 28-Nov | Chapter 12: Future Geographies                                    |
| 30-Nov | Chapter 12: Future Geographies                                    |
| 3-Dec  | Chapter 12: Future Geographies                                    |
| 5-Dec  | Last Class Meeting and REVIEW FOR FINAL EXAM                      |
| 13-Dec | <b>Final Exam</b> 1:30 - 4pm Unless Otherwise Note Check Schedule |

## **Individual Meetings with the Instructor**

Always feel free to approach me during my office hours or outside of class to ask questions or to introduce yourself. I am here to help. I am easy to contact through email.

## **Attendance Policy**

Class lectures are an important part of the class. Lectures follow the book broadly speaking, but include many things that are not covered in the textbook. Tests will also include much from lectures and the discussions in class. You are responsible for getting the notes from any classes you miss, excused or otherwise.

Do not miss exams unless you have a valid excuse, ie. official university sanctioned event, serious illness etc. If you have what you think might be a valid reason for missing an exam talk to me, in person, ahead of time. Failure to do so may result in a deduction of points or not being allowed to make up the exam. It is always better to take the original exam. Make-up exams are somewhat more difficult and are not curved.

## **Academic Honesty**

Cheating is a serious matter and will result in a failing grade and/or will be report to University of Kansas authorities. You should also do your own work on writing assignments. Simply put, "Take your own tests and do your own work."

## **Students with Disabilities**

Any student who has a documented disability and wishes to use accomadations in this course is requested to discuss this with the instructor as soon as possible.