

# **GEOG 102: Principles of Human Geography**

MWF 1:00 – 1:50

Lindley Hall: Room 317

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## **Course Description and Goals:**

This course constitutes a basic examination of the relationships between humans and their environments. The course introduces students to basic concepts in human geography relating to economic activities, landscapes, languages, migrations, nations, regions, and religions. This course serves as the basis for further course work in cultural, economic, political, population, and urban geography. Important themes include the necessary link between history and geography, historical and cultural settlement processes, urbanization, ethnic conflict and nation-building, globalization of economy and culture, political and international conflict, cultural diversity, and global environmental concerns. To that end, a deeper understanding of current events from a historical and geographical perspective is imperative. Thus, timely issues and events in the news will be tied into the overall framework of the course.

**Required Text:** Knox, Paul L. and Sallie A. Marston. 2006. *Human Geography: Places and Regions in Global Context*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.

## **Exams, Attendance, and Evaluation Methods:**

**Exams:** Exam format will be mixed, including short essay, multiple choice, and fill in the blank. Each exam WILL cover material from the textbook. The final exam is not comprehensive. There are NO dropped tests. (Total of 4 Exams @ 20 points each).

**Reading Quizzes:** There are two reading quizzes planned for this semester. They are not listed among important class dates, but they are not pop quizzes. You will be notified of quiz times and required reading at least one class period prior to the quiz. Check the Blackboard website for more information. (Total of 2 Quizzes @ 5 points each).

**Attendance:** Attendance is absolutely vital to good performance in this class. There will be 5 random attendance quizzes given throughout the course of the semester. If you are in class that day and have a pulse, you will score a 100% on them. (Total of 5 Attendance Quizzes @ 2 pts each).

<b>Grading:</b> Four Exams (including final) @ 20 pts each	= 80%
Two Reading Quizzes @ 5 pts each	= 10%
Five Attendance Quizzes @ 2pts each	= 10%

### **Students With Disabilities:**

If you have a learning and/or physical disability, you are responsible for making arrangements for class assignments/exams so your academic performance will not suffer. If you have questions about special provisions for students with disabilities, contact the KU Services For Students With Disabilities <http://www.ku.edu/~ssdis/>. If you do not notify the instructor of your disability, he will not be responsible for making special arrangements.

### **Blackboard Information:**

Blackboard is extremely easy to use and provides all the external information you need for the course. You may use it to check grades, download related course documents, get more information about the assignments, check out interesting links, and more.

Blackboard can be found at <http://courseware.ku.edu/>.

Or...if you don't like entering in long http addresses, go to the KU homepage ([www.ku.edu](http://www.ku.edu)) and click on "B" under the alphabetized listing. Then click on Blackboard and log in. The rest should be self explanatory.

## **IMPORTANT DATES (Very Tentative)**

<b>February 15</b>	<b>EXAM I</b> (Globalization, Colonialism, Politics of Territory and Space)
<b>March 14</b>	<b>EXAM II</b> (Nature and Society, Agriculture and Food, Landscape and Place)
<b>April 14</b>	<b>EXAM III</b> (Population and Migration, Urbanization, Urban and Rural Geography)
<b>April 16 &amp; 18</b>	<b>NO CLASS: Boston AAGs</b>
<b>May 7</b>	<b>Last Day of Classes</b>

**FINAL EXAM:** (Geography of Development, Race and Ethnicity, Gender, Religion)  
Friday, May 16th: 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM in Lindley 317

The above dates and guidelines are subject to change and probably will (usually for your benefit). Maintaining steady attendance and regularly checking blackboard will ensure that you are aware of any changes.