

## Geography 101

Introduction to Human Geography:

Global Patterns and Processes

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# GLOBAL PATTERNS AND PROCESSES Introduction to Human Geography

## Welcome to Geography 101!

The purpose of this course is to acquaint you with the recent global patterns and processes that have come to be known as *globalization* through the use of a human geographic perspective. To do this, we will systematically explore globalization through the use of a series of human geographic 'lenses', including: economic geography, political geography/geopolitics, environmental geography, population geography, social and cultural geography, and urban geography. Within each of these sub-fields of human geography, we will focus our attention on the current patterns and processes of global change, the geographic variability of these global patterns and processes, and on the ways in which changes at the global scale are affecting, and in turn are affected by, local and regional events and conditions.

## Course Readings

**Required Textbooks:** Paul Knox and Sallie Marston, *Places and Regions in Global Context: Human Geography*, new 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (Prentice Hall, 2003). Also note the website for this text:  
<http://www.prenhall.com/knox/>

**Text available for purchase at Rainbow Bookstore—**  
426 W. Gilman St., 257-6050

**Required Articles:** Supplemental articles will be assigned throughout the semester, and will be made available to you either in section or on reserve in College Library via e Reserves:  
<http://www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/College/circreserve/ereserves/dept.htm#G>

## Current Affairs:

It is strongly recommended that you:

- (a) Visit the BBC News web site **daily** given its international focus, and its analytical quality (compared to CNN). The BBC site is available at:  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/>.

(b) Read a newspaper with a strong international (versus US) focus on a **daily** basis. The International Herald Tribune is recommended if you can only consider a free web site. It is available at: <http://www.ihf.com> If you can afford a newspaper subscription, consider reading the *New York Times* (which is available at a reduced rate in the Memorial Union. You can also access the newspaper free of charge at: <http://www.nytimes.com>). The *Financial Times* is another option (available at a reduced rate of \$99 to UW students delivered to your home on a daily basis, or accessible for free at: <http://www.ft.com>). Both the *NY Times* and the *Financial Times* are in various UW libraries as well.

Current affairs resources will be used for exercises in the course, for exams, and to complement lecture material.

### Course Requirements

Geography 101 is a Communications B course, with an emphasis on learning through written and oral communications. Students who have not completed a Communications A course or the equivalent may have some difficulty without this prerequisite and should immediately talk to their TA. During the semester, you are required to read the course materials prior to the class for which they are assigned, to attend lectures, and to attend and participate in discussion sections. Attendance and participation are critical for success in this course.

Your participation in discussion sections will include several assignments, peer reviews of your classmates' papers, and presentation of your final essay. In addition, all students are expected to contribute actively to discussions, both in section and during lecture time. Be prepared to speak up and respond to questions. The best way to prepare for this will be to keep up with your reading and assignments. You are also encouraged to come to lecture and section with questions based on the work we have been doing.

As part of the Communications B format, you will be required to complete three writing assignments. The first writing assignment will be submitted in final form without the opportunity for revision. You will have the opportunity to revise and resubmit the second and third writing assignments. These writing assignments require that you do research making effective use of UW's library resources, to allow you to develop your writing skills and to craft arguments (rather than summarizing or reporting information). We will also require serious attention to citing and bibliographic conventions so please be very attentive to this throughout the research and writing process. While web research may provide a good place to start to get ideas, all writing assignments should engage scholarly articles and/or books. Any bibliography that is web-intensive will be downgraded.

In addition to the writing assignments, there will be a midterm and a final essay examination for this course.

During class time you will also hear guest lectures from professors in the Department of Geography. These lectures will focus on the *practice* (i.e. developing a research focus, conducting field research, disseminating results) of geographically-oriented research. Several videos will also be shown in class. The exact timing of these guest lectures and the videos will be announced on an incremental basis as the term proceeds.

As one way to communicate about evolving scheduling issues, readings, and other assignments, I will email you periodically with updates and reminders. You are responsible for checking your email regularly and reading these updates as they may contain information important for completion of course assignments. If you are not a regular email devotee, at a minimum please check your email account for updates at the beginning and end of each week.

I will often use Powerpoint slides during lecture. Please note that I will not distribute copies of course slides but I will provide a summary handout prior to the two exams in addition to other handouts provided throughout the term.

### **Grading**

Your final grade will consist of the following components:

#### Writing Assignments (40%):

Essay 1 final paper (2-3pages)	5%
Essay 2 draft (5-7 pages)	5%
Essay 2 final paper (5-7 pages)	10%
Essay 3 draft (8-10 pages)	5%
Essay 3 final paper (8-10 pages)	15%
Essay Exams (35%):	
Midterm	15%
Final	20%
Discussion activities (25%):	
Section assignments	10%
Presentation of Essay 3	5%
General participation and other section assignments	10%

### **Late Policy**

Late final papers will suffer a 10% reduction per day. All other late assignments will not be accepted and will receive a grade of zero. If unavoidable circumstances arise such as illness or family emergency, you are expected to contact your TA and me as soon as possible, preferably before an assignment is due. If you miss section or lecture for any reason, you are still responsible for the material covered during your absence.

### **Academic Honesty**

Cheating and plagiarism are unacceptable. Cheating on an exam will result in a zero for that exam. Plagiarism, whether one sentence or the entire paper, will

result in a zero for that writing assignment. We will discuss plagiarism and proper citation in section. If you have questions about proper citing practices, please contact your TA for advice before you turn in the assignment to avoid penalty. The UW's policy on academic honesty states that students can be expelled for one case of cheating or plagiarism.

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### Schedule of Exams and Writing Assignments

Midterm exam	March 4, in class
Final exam	May 14, 2:45pm Location TBA
Essay 1 final paper	Week 4 in Discussion Section
Essay 2 draft	Week 6 in Discussion Section
Essay 2 final paper	Week 11 in Discussion Section
Essay 3 proposal	Week 11 in Discussion Section
Essay 3 draft	Week 13 in Discussion Section
Film review	Week 15 in Discussion Section
Essay 3 final paper	Week 16 in Discussion Section

### Summary Schedule

Week 1 Jan 20, 22	Geography and Globalization I
Week 2 Jan 27, 29	Geography and Globalization II
Week 3 Feb 3, 5	Economic Geographies I
Week 4 Feb 10, 12	Economic Geographies II
Week 5 Feb 17, 19	Political Geography/Geopolitics I
Week 6 Feb 24, 26	Political Geography/Geopolitics II
Week 7 Mar 2, 4	Review and MIDTERM EXAM
Week 8 Mar 9, 11	Environmental Geographies I
Week 9	<i>Spring Break, week of March 15</i>
Week 10 Mar 23, 25	Environmental Geographies II

Week 11 Mar 30 Ap1	Population Geographies I
Week 12 Apr 6, 8	Social and Cultural Geographies I
Week 13 Apr 13, 15	Social and Cultural Geographies II
Week 14 Apr 20, 22	Urban Geographies I
Week 15 Apr 27, 29	Urban Geographies II
Week 16 May 4, 6	Future Geographies and Review
May 14, 2:45 pm	FINAL EXAM

## Detailed Schedule

Please note, additional readings will be assigned. You will receive notice of these readings at least one week prior to the time those reading should be completed.

### Week 1                      Geography and Globalization I

Reading:     Knox and Marston, chapter 1.  
 Note:         Discussion sections do not meet during week one.

### Week 2                      Geography and Globalization II

Reading:     Knox and Marston, chapter 2

### Week 3                      Economic Geographies I

Reading:     Knox and Marston, chapter 7  
 Note:         Worksheet on Roger and Me due in section. Essay 1 assigned.

### Week 4                      Economic Geographies II

Reading:     Knox and Marston, chapter 8.  
 Note:         Essay 1 due in discussion section; sign up for writing conference with TA.

### Week 5                      Political Geography/Geopolitics I

Readings:    Knox and Marston, chapter 9.  
 Note:         Writing conferences in addition to discussion session. Essay 2 assigned in discussion section.

### Week 6                      Political Geography/Geopolitics II

Readings:    Knox and Marston, chapter 9.  
 Note:         Draft of Essay 2 due in discussion section.

<b>Week 7</b>	<b>MIDTERM REVIEW AND EXAM</b>
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<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Environmental Geographies I</b>
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Readings: Knox and Marston, chapter 4.

<b>Week 9</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>
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<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Environmental Geographies II</b>
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Readings: Knox and Marston, chapter 4.  
 Note: Essay 3 proposals due in discussion section.

<b>Week 11</b>	<b>Population Geographies I</b>
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Readings: Knox and Marston, chapter 3.  
 Final of Essay 2 due in discussion section.  
 Essay 3 proposals discussed.

<b>Week 12</b>	<b>Social and Cultural Geographies I</b>
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Readings: Knox and Marston, chapter 5.

<b>Week 13</b>	<b>Social and Cultural Geographies II</b>
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Readings: Knox and Marston, chapter 6.  
 Note: Essay 3 draft due in discussion section

<b>Week 14</b>	<b>Urban Geographies I</b>
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Readings: Knox and Marston, chapter 10.  
 Note: Student presentations in discussion section.

<b>Week 15</b>	<b>Urban Geographies II</b>
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Readings: Knox and Marston, chapter 11.  
 Note: Film reviews due in discussion section.  
 Student presentations in discussion section.

<b>Week 16</b>	<b>Future Geographies and Final Exam Review</b>
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Readings: Knox and Marston, chapter 12.

Note:            Essay 3 due in discussion section  
                     Student presentations in discussion section.

**Friday, May 14 2:45 pm    FINAL EXAM**