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## Human Geography (GEOG 581)



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### **Course description**

This course will examine the world's spatial differentiation in terms of population, folk and popular culture, language, religion, ethnicity, political territory, and economic life, within the context of globalization.

### **Texts and materials**

James M. Rubenstein. *The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography*. Ninth edition. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2008. [used copies of 7th or 8th editions are acceptable]

### **Blackboard**

Vital materials for this course, including announcements, lecture outlines, and lecture review questions, are available electronically on Blackboard. To access Blackboard (<http://blackboard.unh.edu>) you will need a user name and password.

### **Office hours**

My office hours in Huddleston Hall 102D are on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m. and by appointment. I am also available at all times by phone and e-mail, so please don't hesitate to call me or e-mail me if you have a question about anything or would like to discuss something.

## Examinations

There will be three non-cumulative tests. These have been tentatively set for:

- ☀ Thursday October 2nd
- ☀ Thursday November 6th
- ☀ Thursday December 18th 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Each test will be worth 25% of your final grade.

## Research paper

The remaining 25% of your grade will be based on a term paper. The nature of and requirements for this paper are described separately.

## Outline and reading

Week	Topic	Reading
1	Thinking geographically	Chapter 1
2	Globalization	
3-4	Population	Chapter 2
5	Migration	Chapter 3
6	Folk and popular culture	Chapter 4
7	Language and religion	Chapter 5
8	Religion	Chapter 6-7
9	Interpreting places and landscapes	
10	Political Geography	Chapter 8
11	Economic development	Chapter 9
12	Agriculture and food production	Chapter 10
13	Urban patterns	Chapter 13
14	Nature and society	Chapter 14