



Course description

This course will study human populations and demographic dynamics from a spatial perspective. We will focus on a variety of themes: population size (how many people there are in particular places), population growth and decline (how the number of people changes over time both globally and regionally), population processes (levels of and trends in fertility, mortality, and migration), population distribution (where people are located and why and how this changes), population structure (how many males and females there are of a particular age), population control (family planning programs), and population characteristics (what people are like in a particular place with respect to such things as education, income, ethnicity). In addition, we will examine the relationship between global population growth and environmental degradation and food security.

Text

- Gary L. Peters and Robert P. Larkin. *Population Geography: Problems, Concepts, and Prospects*. Ninth edition. Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt, 2008.

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 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 set for:

- Thursday October 2nd
- Thursday November 6th
- Thursday December 18th 3:30-5:30

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 and requirements of this paper are described separately.

Outline and reading

Week	Topic	Reading
1	Intro to Population Geography	Chapter 1
2-3	Global population trends	Chapter 1
4	Population data	Chapter 2
5-6	Distribution and composition	Chapter 3
7	Theories of population	Chapter 4
8	Mortality	Chapter 5
9	Fertility	Chapter 6
10	Family planning	Chapter 7
11-12	Migration	Chapters 8
13	Population and environment	Chapter 9
14	Population and food supply	Chapter 10