

# Human Geography of Global Issues

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## **Instructor**

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**Course Description:** This course is an introduction to the global perspectives, basic concepts and fundamental questions of geography. It focuses on the ways through which all places on Earth are interconnected and how the human use of Earth's surface varies over space. Major topics covered will be the human perception of earth space and the ways people give order to space; the growth and distribution of human population; the localization and spatial characteristics of patterns of settlement and land use; geopolitics and colonialism; environmental geography; the geography of economic development and modernization; principles of the analysis of spatial diffusion; spatial aspects of retail marketing; the geographic analysis of selected issues in industrialized societies such as gender issues, racism, poverty, human/environment interactions and development policies.

Week	Weekday	Topics	Materials	Assignments Due
	Friday		Introduction to the Course	
Sept. 6	Monday	<b>Labor Day</b>		
	Wednesday	Case Study: Housing Segregation, Wealth and Policing in the US	<i>The Case for Reparations</i> by Ta-Nehisi Coates	
	Friday		Cooper, R., & Bruenig, M. (2017). <i>Foreclosed: Destruction of black wealth during the Obama presidency.</i>  <b>Radio:</b> On The Media – The Scarlet E – Episodes 1 & 2	
Sept. 13	Monday		<b>Guest Lecture:</b> Jane Holzer on Legal Frameworks and the Response to the Housing Crisis  <b>Video:</b> The Short and Simple Story of the Credit Crisis By Jonathan Jarvis	
	Wednesday		<i>The New Jim Crow</i> , selections Michelle Alexander  “The Driving Life and Death of Philando Castile”  <i>Mass Incarceration, Then and Now</i> (The New Yorker Radio Hour) David Remnick	
	Friday	What is Geography? Fundamentals of the Discipline	“Geography” from the Dictionary of Human Geography  “Human Geography” in the Dictionary of Human Geography	
Sept. 20	Monday	Quantitative Methods	Introduction to Geographical Data Visualization by Stephen Few  What’s that on the Map? Problem with Geo-Visualization by Joris Pekel  <b>Guest Lecture:</b> Ashley Nepp on Data Visualization and GIS	
	Wednesday		“The Impact of Syrian Refugee Influx on the Jordanian Labor Market” <i>Jackline Wahba</i>  “School-to-Work Transition in Jordan, 2010-2016” <i>Mona Amer</i>	Reading Response #1: Geography and Racial Segregation
	Friday		Improving Your Scientific Presentation  Video: Five things you can do to make your presentations a little bit better by Scott St. George (recommended)  Website: Peruse presentationzen.com	
Sept 27	Monday	Qualitative Methods and Interviews	Geographies on the Move: A Practical and Theoretical Approach to the Mobile Interview by Jessica Finlay and Jay Bowman	

	Wednesday		In-class video and <b>discussion</b> : I'd Rather Stay		
	Friday		Oral Histories and LGBTQ+ Life		
Oct. 4	Monday	Global Urbanization and the Politics of Infrastructure	Planet of Slums by Mike Davis – The Urban Climactic (Chap 1)	Reading Response #2 – I'd Rather Stay	
	Wednesday		<i>“Away” Is a Place: The Impact of Electronic Waste Recycling on Blood Lead Levels in Ghana.</i> Forkuo, E., Adovor, K. A., & Bowman, J. A.		
	Friday		“Theory from the South: or How Euro-America is Evolving Toward Africa” Jean and John Comaroff		
Oct. 11	Monday		<b>In Class Film</b> : Garbage Dreams		
	Wednesday		<b>Guest Lecture</b> : David Andrews Homelessness, social services and the politics of place		
	Friday		Video out of class: <i>Here's to Flint (2017)</i> <b>Discussion</b>		
Oct. 18	Monday		<b>Guest Lecture</b> : Prof. Lade on the economic impacts of the Flint water crisis  Video out of class: <i>Frontline: Flint's Deadly Water</i> (Season 37, Episode 16)	Reading Response #3 – Theory from the South	
	Wednesday		Final Presentations		Attendance Mandatory
	Friday				Fall Break
Oct 25	Monday	Breadth of the Discipline	<b>Guest Lecture</b> : Dan Trudeau – Democracy and Public Space		
	Wednesday	Labor, Gender and Migration	“The Crisis of Care, International Migration and Public Policy” Lourdes Benería		
	Friday		“A Good Provider is One Who Leaves,” <i>New York Times Magazine</i> - Jason DeParle		
Nov. 1	Monday		<i>Video</i> : Chain of Love		
	Wednesday		Friedemann-Sánchez, G. (2006). “Assets in intrahousehold bargaining among women workers in Colombia’s cut-flower industry.”		
	Friday		Final Presentations	Attendance Mandatory	
Nov. 8	Monday	Final Presentations	Attendance Mandatory		
	Wednesday	Refugee Policy: Case Study of Jordan	Hosting Guests, Creating Citizens: Models of Refugee Administration in Jordan and Egypt by Davis, Benton, Todman and Murphy (2017)		
	Friday		Davis, Benton, Todman and Murphy, continued		
Nov. 15	Monday	Final Presentations	Attendance Mandatory		
	Wednesday		Attendance Mandatory		
	Friday		Attendance Mandatory		
Nov. 22	Monday	Homecare, disability and the geographies	Podcast: “The Hardest Job” – Minnesota Reformer  Guest Lecture: Pat Lang		

		of social services		
	Wednesday	Thanksgiving Break		
	Friday	Thanksgiving Break		
Nov. 29	Monday	Breadth of the Discipline	Guest Lecture: Holly Barcus – Urbanization and Migration in Mongolia	
	Wednesday	Final Presentation	Attendance Mandatory	
	Friday		Attendance Mandatory	
Dec. 6	Monday		Attendance Mandatory	
	Wednesday		Attendance Mandatory	
	Friday		Attendance Mandatory	

Assignment	Points
Response Essay #1	25
Response Essay #2	25
Response Essay #3	25
Peer Review for Scientific Presentation Rough Draft	50
Scientific Presentation	40
Peer Review for Scientific Presentation	25
Academic Article Review	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>