

Draft syllabus for **Geographics**

GGY 5050, Summer 2021

Online – Asynchronous, 3 credit hours

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Human Geography

Human Geography is about understanding the relationship between people and the places they occupy by analyzing culture, economics, and politics. The area of study is concerned with the local and the global and it acknowledges that much of what is evident at the local scale is linked to global matters.

GIS focuses on the analysis and visualization of spatial data. Utilizing mapping software to create graphics for interdisciplinary analysis in business, marketing, education, demographics, etc. The course will include contemporary advances in computer mapping technology and geographic information systems to understand Human Geography.

Course objectives

Specifically, the objectives of this course are to:

- 1) learn about the tools and methods geographers use in the study of places;
- 2) explore the patterns associated with human populations;
- 3) build knowledge of populations and development; and
- 4) produce representation and descriptions of human landscapes.

Textbook

The assigned text for the course is [*Introduction to Human Geography Using ArcGIS Online* by Chris Carter](#) (2019) from Esri Press. This text may be supplemented by additional readings that will be made available through Canvas.

Communication

The best way to contact the instructor is through the Canvas Inbox. If for some reason, you do not receive a response within 48 hours (or on Monday if a weekend) please send a follow-up message.

General Expectations

- 1) **Readings are required** and content from the readings will be included in assignments.
- 2) You must have Internet access to complete some assignments. There are many locations on campus where you can access the Internet. (<http://www.uncp.edu/doit/labs/labs.html>)
- 3) Assignments turned in late *may* be accepted at the discretion of the instructor, however, if accepted the grade will be impacted.



Grade scale

A = 94 to 100

A- = 90 to 93

B+ = 87 to 89

B = 84 to 86

B- = 80 to 83

C+ = 77 to 79

C = 74 to 76

C- = 70 to 73

D+ = 67 to 69

D = 60 to 66

F = below 60

Assessment Weights

Doing Geography - 20% total

- You will get to know some of the basic ideas, activities, and techniques that geographers (and others) use to understand the world around us.

Chapter Exercises – 36%

- ArcGIS Online exercises associated with each chapter

Project – 24%

- You will work with the instructor to choose a topic about an aspect of the world that you will research and write a description, with map, and present to the class.
- Items that will be included in each project grade:
 - Topic (3%), *Optional* Draft description with map (1-2 pages), short presentation video (3-5 minutes) (12%), and Final edited description with map (9%)

Participation in discussions– 20%

- You must participate in 4 of the 6 discussion board topics through the semester including an initial topic on the discussion theme and at least two meaningful responses.

Course calendar

See the calendar and reading list on Canvas for an up-to-date list of due dates and class topics.

The instructor reserves the right to amend the syllabus as needed depending on work accomplished and needs of the class. Changes will be noted through **Announcements**. Any changes will be reflected in the **course calendar**. The changes on the Calendar in Canvas override all other dates.

Syllabus Addendum

Additional information on accessibility accommodations, the academic honor code, the religious holiday policy, and university-sanctioned absences can be found at:

<https://www.uncp.edu/resources/academic-affairs/faculty-information-syllabi/universal-syllabus-addendum>

Academic Support Options

Tutoring The tutoring program of the Academic Support Center helps students achieve their academic goals by offering group or individual tutoring in all General Education and many upper-level courses; contact courtney.walters@uncp.edu or 910-775-4408.

**This program is not a substitute for attending class.*

Online Component

The course has an associated Canvas online component that will be used for quizzes, readings, and discussion of course content. Some material is available to other students registered in the course. This material will remain available on Canvas beyond the end of the course. Some material in this course may be posted to publicly available sites.

This publication is available in alternative formats upon request. Please contact the Accessibility Resource Center in the D. F. Lowry Building, 521-6695.