

GEOG 2640 - Human Geography

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 40091,

Credit hours: 3

Instructor

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Public Instructor Information

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Course Description

2640. Human Geography. An examination of the place to place variation in people's utilization of the earth. Topics include the distribution of people, spatial variations in culture, urbanization and politicization of space. 3 s.h.

This undergraduate Human Geography course examines how people, cultures, economies, and political systems shape—and are shaped by—space and place across the world. The course draws on established geographic theories, evidence, and analytical frameworks commonly used within the discipline. The instructor does not seek to challenge personal beliefs or alternative ways of understanding the world, nor to present academic perspectives as the only valid interpretations.²

The (Geography) Degree helps develop a whole range of employability skills including numeracy, teamwork through regular field trips, analytical skills in the lab and a certain technical savviness through using various specialist computing applications. Also, the subject area in itself cultivates sensitivity. Those all potentially help a geographer to stand out in the labor market.” (White 2010)

“Moreover, a national 2018 survey of employers found that only around 40 percent say that recent college graduates exhibit professionalism, a good work ethic, and have decent oral and written communication, and only 33 percent say that recent graduates possess leadership skills. This is particularly concerning given that soft skills and their combination with technical skills are becoming more important than ever.” (Christos Makridis, 2020”

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
	Contemporary Human Geography, 4th Edition	James Rubenstein	9780134746227

Contemporary Human Geography, 13th Edition, Pearson By: James Rubenstein Edition: N-13: 9780134746227

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.



Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Contemporary Human Geography, 4th Edition, Pearson By: James Rubenstein Chapter 1	This is Geography	Syllabus Quiz 8/31, 11:59pm
8/31	Contemporary Human Geography, 4th Edition, Pearson By: James Rubenstein Chapter 2	Population and Health	Syllabus Quiz 8/31, 11:59pm Chapter 2 Summary Due – 9/4, 11.59.60 pm
9/7	Contemporary Human Geography, 4th Edition, Pearson By: James Rubenstein Chapter 3	Migration	Chapter 3 Summary Due – 9/11, 11.59.60 pm Assignment 1 Due 9/11, 11:59pm
9/14	Contemporary Human Geography, 4th Edition, Pearson By: James Rubenstein. Chapter 4	Folk and Popular Culture	Chapter 4 Summary Due – 9/18, 11.59.60 pm
9/21	Contemporary Human Geography, 4th Edition, Pearson By: James Rubenstein Chapter 5	Languages	Chapter 5 Summary Due – 9/25, 11.59.60 pm
9/28	Contemporary Human Geography, 4th Edition, Pearson By: James Rubenstein. Chapter 6	Religions	Chapter 6 Summary Due – 10/2, 11.59.60 pm Assignment 2 Due 10/2, 11:59pm
10/5	Contemporary Human Geography, 4th Edition, Pearson By: James Rubenstein Chapter 7	Ethnicities	Chapter 7 Summary Due – 10/9, 11.59.60 pm
10/12	Contemporary Human Geography, 4th Edition, Pearson By: James Rubenstein Chapter 8	Political Geography	Chapter 8 Summary Due – 10/16, 11.59.60 pm Test 1 - Opens 10/15 - Due 10/17, 11:59pm
10/19	Contemporary Human Geography, 4th Edition, Pearson By: James Rubenstein Chapter 9	Development	Chapter 9 Summary Due – 10/23, 11.59.60 pm
10/26	Contemporary Human Geography, 4th Edition, Pearson By: James Rubenstein. Chapter 10	Food and Agriculture	Chapter 10 Summary Due – 10/30, 11.59.60 pm Assignment 3 Due 10/30, 11:59pm
11/2	Contemporary Human Geography, 4th Edition, Pearson By: James Rubenstein. Chapter 11	Industry	Chapter 11 Summary Due – 11/6, 11.59.60 pm
11/9	Contemporary Human Geography, 4th Edition, Pearson By: James Rubenstein. Chapter 12	Services and Settlements	Chapter 12 Summary Due – 11/13, 11.59.60 pm
11/16	Contemporary Human Geography, 4th Edition, Pearson By: James Rubenstein Chapter 13	Urban Patterns	Chapter 13 Summary Due – 11/27, 11.59.60 pm Assignment 4 Due 11/20, 11:59pm
11/23	Contemporary Human Geography, 4th Edition, Pearson By: James Rubenstein Chapter 13	Urban Patterns	Chapter 13 Summary Due – 11/27, 11.59.60 pm
11/30	Contemporary Human Geography, 4th Edition, Pearson By: James Rubenstein Chapter 14	Resource Issues	Chapter 14 Summary Due – 12/4, 11.59.60 pm
12/7	Final Exam Week	Test 2	Test 2 - Open 12/3 - Due 12/5, 11:59pm

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