

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Sociology

I. LOCATOR INFORMATION:

Semester fall 2011

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Course Number and Name: SOCI 430-01 Demography
Semester Credit Hours: 3
Day and Time Class Meets: Online
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II. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is a study of the distribution, growth, and characteristics of human populations and their relationship to social organization.

Prerequisite: SOCI 210.

FSU Policy on Electronic Mail:

Fayetteville State University provides to each student, free of charge, an electronic mail account (username@uncfsu.edu) that is easily accessible via the Internet. The university has established FSU email as the primary mode of correspondence between university officials and enrolled students. Inquiries and requests from students pertaining to academic records, grades, bills, financial aid, and other matters of a confidential nature must be submitted via FSU email. Inquiries or requests from personal email accounts (i.e., Road Runner, Hotmail, AOL, Yahoo, and etc.) are not assured a response. The university maintains open-use computer laboratories throughout the campus that can be used to access electronic mail.

Students are responsible for reading their e-mail on a regular basis to remain aware of important class and university information.

Rules and regulations governing the use of FSU email may be found at <http://www.uncfsu.edu/PDFs/EmailPolicyFinal.pdf>

III. DISABLED STUDENT SERVICES:

In accordance with Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ACA) of 1990, if you have a disability or think you have a disability to please

contact the Center for Personal Development in the Spaulding Building, Room 155 (1st Floor); 910-672-1203.

IV. TEXTBOOK:

Required:

Weeks, John R. *POPULATION: An Introduction to Concepts and Issues*. Tenth Edition. Belmont, CA.: Thomson-Wadsworth Publishing Company, 2008.

V. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Describe and define core demographic concepts;
- Analyze demographic processes and its impact on populations in the United States and the rest of the world;
- Discuss and argue for or against major demographic perspectives,
- Find data on global population issues, population processes (fertility, mortality, and migration), and population structure and characteristics;
- write clear, logical, analytical, and well-organized demographic reports ;
- Be able to make presentations an online audience.

VI. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA:

GRADING:

Your course grade will be determined based on the following the total percentages out of the following items:

Quizzes

Tests

Final Test (cumulative)

Assignments

Forums

Formula for calculation of the course grade:

$$\text{Percentage} = \frac{\text{Point sEarned}}{\text{Totalpo int sAvailable}} * 100$$

FSU Grading Scale

A = 92% - 100% B = 83% - 91% C = 73% - 82% D = 64% - 72% F = 63% and below

Please note that the cumulative percentage will be rounded to the nearest integer by using the symmetric arithmetic rounding. For example, if your final grade is 82.5%, it will be rounded up to 83%. On the other hand, if you have 82.4%, it will be rounded down to 82%.

The final exam will be cumulative. You must show that what you learned in chapter 2, for example, how it is related to chapter 5.

POCILY ON MISSED AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS:

NO MAKE-UP EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!! DO NOT ask for exceptions. Notice that all activities in this class are timed and dated. Once they expire they will be gone. So you must be proactive and ready to take action on the posted activities. You are required to visit the course website everyday to make sure you are up-to-date with the material assignment, test, quizzes, and all other announcement.

CLASS POLICIES:

Students are expected to maintain the highest standards of honesty in their college work. Cheating, forgery, and plagiarism are serious offenses. Students found guilty of any form of academic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary action.

You must be very careful in writing your emails. You cannot use the txt language. All sentences and all words have to be complete. Each email to me and to other students must be followed by your full name. I will not respond to emails that come with no signature.

In writing forums you are welcome to express your opinions and argue against other opinions. But you must do this logically and politely. You must avoid harsh language to prove your point.

VII. Academic Support Resources

This is an online course. The best resource is you lecture notes online, the textbook. You can send email questions to your instructor and get clarification.

VIII. Course Outline

Week of August 14	Introduction to Demography	Chapter 1
Week of August 21	Introduction to Demography	Chapter 1
Week of August 28	Global Population Trends	Chapter 2
Week of September 4	Geographic Distribution of the world's Population	Chapter 3
Week of September 11	Geographic Distribution of the world's Population	Chapter
Week of September 18	The Theory of Demographic transition	Page 89-107
Week of September 25	Demographic Data	Chapter 4
Week of October 2	Demographic Data	Chapter 4
Week of October 9	The Health and Mortality Transition	Chapter 5
Week of October 16	The Health and Mortality Transition	Chapter 5
Week of October 23	The Fertility Transition	Chapter 6
Week of October 30	The Fertility Transition	Chapter 6
Week of November 6	The Migration Transition	Chapter 7
Week of November 13	The Migration Transition	Chapter 7
Week of November 20	The Age Structure of the Population	Chapter
Week of November 27	The age Structure of the Population	Chapter
Week of December 4	Review	Chapter

REVISION OF GRADES – STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The following revisions become effective on August 16, 2007.

WN GRADE DISCONTINUED:

- **WN - Withdrawal due to non-attendance** - discontinued, effective August 16, 2007.

STUDENTS: Do not expect faculty to withdraw you for non-attendance. Drop or withdraw* from classes according to the deadlines published in the catalog. *See warning below about class withdrawals.

NEW TYPE OF GRADE: INTERIM GRADES – (New name for “midterm grade,” with additional purposes). Interim grades will be assigned from the first week of the semester until the deadline for class withdrawals. Interim grades are used for informational and warning purposes only; they are not part of your permanent transcript and have no effect on your GPA. Instructors may assign interim grade of F to warn students of poor academic performance or they may assign “X” or “EA” grades. (See below for explanations) After midterm, faculty will assign all students an interim grade of A – F to inform students of their academic status as of midterm.

- **INTERIM GRADE X = NO SHOW** – Assigned to students who are on a class roster, but never attend class. For warning purposes only; NOT a final grade.

STUDENTS: Check interim grades early in the semester. If you have an X grade, either begin attending the class or withdraw* from it. *See warning below about class withdrawals. If you do not take action in response to an X grade, you will receive a final grade of FN. (See “FN” below)

- **INTERIM GRADE EA = EXCESSIVE ABSENCES** - Assigned to students whose class absences exceed 10% of the total contact hours. For warning purposes only, NOT a final grade.

STUDENTS: Check your interim grades often. If you have an “EA” grade for a class, you are in jeopardy of failure if you do not take immediate actions. Either resume attending the class or withdraw from it. **See warning below about class withdrawals.*

NEW FINAL GRADE:

- **FN = FAILURE DUE TO NON-ATTENDANCE** – Assigned to students who are on class roster, but never attend the class. An FN grades is equivalent to an F grade in the calculation of the GPA.

STUDENTS: You must attend (or withdraw* from) all the classes for which you are enrolled. **See warning below about class withdrawals.*

WARNING ABOUT CLASS WITHDRAWALS:

- When you withdraw from a class, you are wasting your money and time. You receive no refund for withdrawing from individual classes and you slow your progress toward degree completion.
- If you withdraw from or fail more than one-third of your classes, you will no longer be eligible for financial aid.
- **STRIVE TO EARN CREDIT FOR ALL THE CLASSES IN WHICH YOU ENROLL; WITHDRAW FROM CLASSES ONLY WHEN IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY!**