

POPULATION

SOC 333 (Class #19635) **Spring 2015**
Day & Time: Tu, Th 12:00-1:15 Room: LSE B04

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Course objectives:

This course provides an introduction to demographic theories, concepts, measures, and processes. It focuses on key aspects of demography – fertility, mortality, migration, urbanization, population aging, family and household processes, interaction of population and environment, and population policies. It examines population issues from a comparative cross-national perspective.

Student learning outcomes: Upon completing the course, students will ...

- have a knowledge and understanding of key demographic concepts, issues, and measures.
- know how to access and interpret basic population data and statistics.
- be able to think critically about interconnections between population processes and other aspects of society

Required text:

Weeks, John R.. Population: An Introduction to Concepts and Issues. 11th or 12th Edition. Cengage Learning, Inc.

Recommended/additional materials: There is no list of recommended materials. However, the instructor may provide and use additional printed or electronic materials as needed.

Course requirements:

<i>Requirements</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Possible points</i>
Exam 1	Feb 17	30
Exam 2, <i>not cumulative</i>	Mar 26	30
Exam 3, <i>not cumulative</i>	Apr 28	30
In-class exercises (top 5 of 6)	random	10 (2x5)
TOTAL		100

Grading: This course uses the +/- system of grading: A+ (97-100 points), A (93-96), A- (90-92), B+ (87-89), B (83-96), B- (80-82), C+ (77-79), C (73-76), C- (70-72), D (60-69), F (0-59).

Exams: The three exams will be based on the material covered in the assigned readings and discussed in class. All three exams will include multiple choice and true/false questions. Exams 2 and 3 are not cumulative. Make-up exams will **only** be given in the case of officially documented medical or family emergencies.

In-class exercises will be completed during class. There will be a total of six exercises throughout the semester, each worth up to 2 points. Class sessions for exercises will be randomly selected, without a prior announcement. There will be no make-up exercises. However, the final score for this grade component (10) will exclude the lowest score on any of the exercises.

Attendance is expected, but no points for attendance will be given.

Students with disabilities will be accommodated. Please identify your needs by the end of the second week of class.

Academic honesty is expected of all students. For more information about possible sanctions against dishonesty, see <http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity>.

Main topics and assignments:

Week	Date	Topics	Readings
1	Jan 13	Course overview	None
1	Jan 15	Introduction to demography	Ch.1
2	Jan 20	World population: An overview	Ch.2
2	Jan 22	World population: An overview (cont.)	Ch.2
3	Jan 27	Demographic theories and perspectives	Ch.3
3	Jan 29	Demographic theories and perspectives (cont.)	Ch.3
4	Feb 3	Demographic data	Ch.4
4	Feb 5	Demographic data (cont.)	Ch.4
5	Feb 10	Mortality: causes, measures, differentials, and trends	Ch.5
5	Feb 12	Mortality: causes, measures, differentials, and trends (cont.)	Ch.5
6	Feb 17	Exam 1	None
6	Feb 19	Fertility: determinants, measures, and trends, and consequences	Ch.6
7	Feb 24	Fertility (cont.)	Ch.6
7	Feb 26	Migration: types, determinants, flows, and consequences	Ch.7
8	Mar 3	Migration (cont.)	Ch.7
8	Mar 5	Migration (cont.)	Ch.7
9	Mar 10, 12	<i>Spring Break: No classes</i>	
10	Mar 17	Population age and sex structure	Ch.8
10	Mar 19	Population age and sex structure	Ch.8
11	Mar 24	Population aging and its consequences	Ch.8
11	Mar 26	Exam 2	none
12	Mar 31	Urbanization	Ch.9
12	Apr 2	Urbanization (cont.)	
13	Apr 7	Family and Household	Ch.10
13	Apr 9	Family and Household (cont.)	Ch.10
14	Apr 14	Population and the environment	Ch.11
14	Apr 16	Population and the environment (cont.)	Ch.11
15	Apr 21	Population future	Ch.12
15	Apr 23	Population future (cont.)	Ch.12
16	Apr 28	Exam 3	None
16	Apr 30	Catching up, overview and conclusions	None
Finals	May 5	Final Meeting (<i>optional</i>), LSE B04 12:10-2:00	None