

SOCIOLOGY 2120: POPULATION AND SOCIETY

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Mo/We/Fr 8:30am-9:20am

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is intended to provide students with an introduction of the concepts and issues surrounding population studies. In doing so, we will examine the tools demographers use to study population change and the factors that can create such change, including fertility, mortality, and migration. Additionally, this course will consider specific issues surrounding populations such as unmarried childbearing, population aging, and legal or illegal immigration to understand the causes and implications these issues have for future populations.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

After completing this course, students should be able to:

1. Describe significant social/behavioral issues/questions using appropriate theories and evidence.
2. Articulate how the values of the social/behavioral sciences impact decisions-making in contemporary society.
3. Deconstruct social/behavioral arguments critically, refuting logical and reasoning flaws in them.
4. Compose written and oral arguments related to issues or question in the social/behavioral sciences.
5. Evaluate evidence that support arguments and conclusions on each side of major social or behavioral issues.

READINGS

Weeks, John R. (2016). *Population: An introduction to concepts and issues, 12th Edition*. Boston, MA: Cengage Learning.

Readings from the textbook are provided on the course schedule. Supplemental readings will also be provided on Canvas. All readings must be completed prior to class.

GRADING

Grades will be calculated by dividing the number of points you earn throughout the semester by the total number of points that are available (500), and multiplying by 100. Final grades will be rounded up at 0.5 or higher. Grades are distributed through the following scale:

A+	97 to 100	B+	87 to 89	C+	77 to 79	D+	67 to 69	F	0 to 59
A	93 to 96	B	83 to 86	C	73 to 76	D	63 to 66		
A-	90 to 92	B-	80 to 82	C-	70 to 72	D-	60 to 62		

Grading Distribution

Exam 1	75 pts (15%)
Exam 2	75 pts (15%)
Final Exam	100 pts (20%)
Data Assignment	50 pts (10%)
Course Paper	75 pts (15%)
Presentation	75 pts (15%)
Class Quizzes	50 pts (10%)

Late Work

Written assignments will be accepted after the due date, with a 5 point reduction for each late day (including weekends). Exams must be taken on their scheduled date. If you know you will not be able to attend class for an exam, arrangements must be made ahead of time to reschedule the exam. Class quizzes must be completed during class. You will not be able to make up these quizzes at a later time.

Extra credit may be offered during the semester, but no individual extra credit will be offered.

CLASS POLICIES

Attendance is mandatory. Although I do not take attendance during each class, points for in class quizzes will only be available to those who are in class to take the quiz. I will not provide course notes or presentation slides, so I recommend that you make arrangements with a classmate to receive any materials you missed.

Laptops are allowed during class, but I hold the right to revoke the use of laptops during class if I feel like they are used as more of a distraction during class than a tool. Please turn off and stow cell phones away during class. You will be asked to leave if you are caught texting or surfing the web on your phone.

I will contact you through emails and the course page on Canvas. Please check these regularly to stay up to date with any updates or changes to the schedule. In the event of extreme weather, I may cancel class so please check Canvas for announcements.

Code of Conduct and Academic Honesty

Please refer to BGSU's current [Student Handbook](#) for information on BGSU's academic honesty policies. These policies and penalties apply to our class, as well as to all other classes at BGSU. The first offense for plagiarism or academic dishonesty in this course will be a zero on the assignment/quiz/exam, and will be reported to the Dean's office. Penalties for subsequent offenses will be determined by the Dean's office but include, and are not limited to, failure of the course and expulsion from BGSU.

Student Accommodations

Students with disabilities that influence their ability to perform in the classroom or on exams/quizzes should discuss this with me at the beginning of the semester. Furthermore, you will need to provide documentation from the Accessibility Services. Accessibility Services are located at 38 College Park Office Building; 419-372-8495.

Students who are involved in sports or clubs that may interfere with their ability to come to class should also meet with me at the start of the semester to talk about missing class(es).

Title IX Reporting

BGSU faculty are required to report incidents of sexual misconduct and relationship violence to the Title IX Office. Therefore, I cannot keep information confidential. If you would like to speak to someone confidentially, please contact the Counseling, Psychological Services, or Falcon Health. Other resources include, The Cocoon, the Violence Prevention Center, and Unison. Otherwise, if you would like to report an incident involving a possible violation of BGSU’s Sexual Misconduct and Relationship Violence Policy, please contact our Title IX Coordinator at 419-372-8476.

EXAMS & QUIZZES

Exams

Exams must be taken during class time. Arrangements must be made before the exam if you will not be able to attend class during the day of the first two exams. The final exam must be taken during the scheduled time: December 11th from 8:00am to 10:30am. Alternate arrangements cannot be made for this exam.

Exams will be composed of multiple choice, true/false, and short answer questions. The second midterm exam and the final exam will largely cover materials that we have gone over since the last exam, although there will also be several questions from content that was covered in the prior exams(s).

In Class Quizzes

Open note, in class quizzes will be administered on random class days, and are intended to encourage student to stay on schedule with the course content. Students will not have the opportunity to make up these quizzes outside of class. The two lowest quiz scores will not be included in final grade calculations.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week (Dates):	Topic:	Weekly Reading:	Special Dates:
Week 1 (Aug. 27 - Aug. 31)	Introduction and what is Demography	Weeks: Chapter 1	
Week 2 (Sep. 3 - Sep. 7)	Population Trends	Weeks: Chapter 2 2017 World Population Data Sheet	
Week 3 (Sep. 10 - Sep. 14)	Theories on Population Growth	Weeks: Chapter 3	Sep. 10th: Labor Day - No Class

Week 4 (Sep. 17 - Sep. 21)	Demographic Data	Weeks: Chapter 4	Sep. 21st: Data Assignment Due
Week 5 (Sep. 24 - Sep. 28)	Review for Exam 1; Mortality & Health		Sep. 26th: Exam 1
Week 6 (Oct. 1 - Oct. 5)	Mortality & Health	Weeks: Chapter 5	Oct. 5th: Course Paper Topic Due
Week 7 (Oct. 8 - Oct. 12)	Fertility	Weeks: Chapter 6	
Week 8 (Oct. 15 - Oct. 19)	Migration	Weeks: Chapter 7	
Week 9 (Oct. 22 - Oct. 26)	Age & Sex Structures	Weeks: Chapter 8	
Week 10 (Oct. 29 - Nov. 2)	Calculations in Demography; Review for Exam 2		Nov. 2nd: Exam 2
Week 11 (Nov. 5 - Nov. 9)	Families & Households	Weeks: Chapter 10 Family Profiles	
Week 12 (Nov. 12 - Nov. 16)	Urbanization	Weeks: Chapter 9	Nov. 12th: Veteran's Day - No Class
Week 13 (Nov. 19 - Nov. 23)	Population and the Environment		Nov. 21st: Thanksgiving Break - No Class Nov. 23rd: Thanksgiving Break - No Class
Week 14 (Nov. 26 - Nov. 30)	Population and the Environment	Weeks: Chapter 11	Nov. 30th: Course Paper Due
Week 15 (Dec. 3 - Dec. 7)	Presentations; Review for Final Exam		Dec. 3rd: Presentations Dec. 5th: Presentations
Tuesday, Dec. 11th	FINAL EXAM (8:00am-10:30am)		

****Note: The instructor holds the right to change, eliminate, or rearrange any assignments, calendar topic, or due date, except for the date and location of the final exam.*