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Soochow University

# GEO 339 Human Geography

Winter 2024

**Course Credits:** 4

**Contact Hours:** 56 hours

**Instructor:** TBA

**Email:** TBA

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

GEO 339 is designed to introduce students to key concepts, theories, and methods in human geography, focusing on the relationships between people and their environments. Students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the interaction between human societies and their spatial surroundings, exploring various economic, social, and political processes at different scales. Throughout this course, we will explore the significance of geography in relation to contemporary debates and concerns, including climate change, globalization, social inequality, capitalism, and the future. We will utilize a range of local, national, and international case studies to examine these important topics and consider issues of social justice, values, and ethics.

Upon Completion of this Course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the fundamental concepts and theories in human geography;
2. Demonstrate a range of writing skills (essay, report and peer review) and analytical skills;
3. Critically assess contemporary issues and challenges in human geography;
4. Demonstrate skills in constructive criticism and analysis;
5. Read widely using bibliographic databases and other library resource;
6. Apply geographic tools and methods to analyze and interpret real-world scenarios.

## **PREREQUISITES**

GEO 110 Introduction to Geology



## GRADING

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Grades will be determined by accumulating points, with 100 points being the maximum, as follows:

ITEM	POINTS
4 Assignments	40 Points
Midterm 1	15 Points
Midterm 2	15 Points
Final Exam	30 Points
Total	100 Points

Late submissions will be graded at the end of the course. Grades will be assigned according to the following rule:

$$A \geq 90 > B \geq 80 > C \geq 70 > D \geq 60 > F.$$

We reserve the right to make adjustments to the overall grading policy.

## COURSE MATERIALS

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### Required Texts:

Cloke, P., Crang, P. and Goodwin, M., *Introducing Human Geographies*, 3rd Edition, Routledge, 2013.

### Recommended (Optional) Texts or Other Materials:

None

## COURSE TOPICS

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MODULE	TASKS
Module 1	<b>Topics:</b> Topic 1: Biogeographies: Nature and Human Geography Topic 2: Animal and Plants Topic 3: Political Ecology Topic 4: Cartographies Assignment#1



Module 2	<p><b>Topics:</b>  Topic 5: Cultural Geographies  Topic 6: Imaginative Geographies, Place, Landscape  Topic 7: Material Geographies  Topic 8: Development Geographies, Survival and Resistance  Assignment#2</p>
Module 3	<p><b>Topics:</b>  Topic 9: Economics Geographies, Spaces of Production  Topic 10: Money and Finance  Topic 11: Consumption-Reproduction  Topic 12: Economic Globalization  Assignment#3  <b>Assessments:</b>  Midterm#1</p>
Module 4	<p><b>Topics:</b>  Topic 13: Environmental Geographies  Topic 14: Sustainability  Topic 15: Climate Change  Topic 16: Historical Geographies  Assignment#4  <b>Assessments:</b>  Midterm#2</p>
Module 5	<p><b>Topics:</b>  Topic 17: Political Geographies  Topic 18: Population Geographies  Topic 19: Social Geographies  Topic 20: Urban and Rural Geographies  <b>Assessments:</b>  Final Exam</p>

## ATTENDANCE

1) Class attendance is required. Missing classes without permission will lead to decrease in overall grade.

Missing less than two classes: no penalty.

Missing more than two classes: 7% will be taken off from the overall grade.

If the instructor reports a student's frequent missing of class to the Soochow University Academic Administration Office, the student might get a written warning and might be prohibited from attending final exam.



2) Participants in this course are expected to arrive in class promptly and adequately prepared. The primary objective of this course is to critically engage with the readings and the subject matter. Therefore, course participants are expected to have completed the reading prior to class and prepare thoughtful reflections/commentaries to share with fellow colleagues.

### **LEARNING REQUIREMENTS**

- 1) Late assignments are not acceptable and are subjected to grade deductions.
- 2) Assignments submitted in the wrong format will be counted as not submitted.
- 3) Failure to submit or fulfill any required course component results in failure of the class.
- 4) Make-up for midterm and final exams only with valid excuses, as defined by the University.
- 5) In order to earn a Certificate of Completion, participants must thoughtfully complete all assignments by stated deadlines and earn an average quiz score of 50% or greater.

### **TECHNOLOGY POLICY**

The use of electronic devices in class is distracting, both for the user and for the rest of the class. Only non-programmable calculators can be used in the tests and exam. Any attempts to use cell phones and other electronic communication devices will be seemed as cheating. Laptops are discouraged, unless you use them for activities DIRECTLY related to the course (eg., note taking, reading course documents).

### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY**

Soochow University highly values the academic integrity and aims to promote the academic fairness, honesty and responsibility. Any academic dishonesty behaviors and any attempts to cheats and plagiarism will be reported to the university administration office. A written warning and the relevant penalties will be imposed. The record might be shown on the official university transcript.

### **DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION**



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Soochow University is committed to maintaining a barrier-free environment so that students with disabilities can fully access programs, courses, services, and activities at Soochow University. Students with disabilities who require accommodations for access to and/or participation in this course are welcome.

Note:

Please contact the University Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material.