

**EFFECTIVE CATALOG YEAR 2010-2011**

COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: College of Arts and Sciences/Public Affairs and Social
Research/GEOG

Course: Add: X Delete:
Number GEOG 2301

Title Introduction to Human Geography

(Check all that apply) SCH 3 Description Prerequisite none

New Course to be used in: Major Minor X Elective X

It is proposed that a new three hour class titled Introduction to Human Geography be added as an elective in the minor in Geography and Urban Studies. This class will replace ANTH 4351 (Cultural Anthropology) which is no longer taught and provide an overview of the various cultures of the world from a thematic framework that utilizes the geographic perspective.

GEOG 2301 INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN GEOGRAPHY 3 SCH

Course Description:

This course is an introduction to the geographic distribution of humans, human activity, and cultures on the Earth. We will explore several topics as they relate to human geography, including population, folk/popular culture, religion, language, ethnicity, politics, agriculture, economic activity and development, and urbanization. Throughout the course, we will explore the impacts of globalization on culture. It is also hoped that students will gain a greater understanding and appreciation for geography in general, as well as a greater awareness for aspects for human geography that you experience in our globalized world.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Understand and apply basic themes in human geography such as culture region, diffusion, and cultural ecology.
2. Describe the global distribution and characteristics of population, including factors that influence population change and migration.
3. Understand the major components of folk and popular cultures, and describe the impact of globalization on culture.
4. Describe major patterns of religion around the world and in the United States, and explain how religion may be visible on the cultural landscape.
5. Describe the global distribution of major ethnic groups and linguistic regions.
6. Understand the formation of political boundaries as well as the nature of boundary conflicts between and within states.
7. Describe the major types of agriculture and economic activity distributed around the world.
8. Understand and apply basic methods and techniques that geographers use for studying the human geography of a place.

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