

University of Calgary
Department of Sociology
Sociology 355, Population and Society
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* Please use email for administrative concerns only. Substantive issues should be addressed in person, either in class, during office hours, or during an appointment time.

NOTE: this course outline is subject to revision. All changes will be announced in class.

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Overview:

This course is an introduction to the study of population structure (size, composition and distribution) and processes (fertility, mortality, migration). You will become familiar with the field of social demography and the relationship between population change and social problems. You will develop expertise on the demography of a specific country, and on a current demographic issue. By the end of the course you should be able to read and interpret demographic statistics and reports.

Objectives:

1. To familiarize you with the study of population structure and processes.
2. To expose you to theoretical and empirical work in social demography.
3. To teach you to read and interpret demographic statistics and reports.
4. To provide you with the opportunity to conduct your own demographic analysis of a problem of social inequality.
5. To provide you with the opportunity to become an expert on the demography of a specific country.

Text:

Canada's Population in a Global Context: An introduction to social demography. by Frank Trovato. 2009. Oxford University Press.

** Available for purchase at the U of C bookstore.

** Other readings will be made available during class, online, and on reserve at the library.

Requirements:

A. Reading:

Readings are assigned for each day of class. Please come to class every day having read the materials. Bring any questions or comments you have about the readings with you to share with your classmates. Please bring your texts to class, as we will refer to them often.

B. In-Class Participation (Oral and Written):

You are encouraged to participate as fully as possible in classroom activities. Each class period may include numerous activities such as discussions, debates, presentations, and various forms of writing. Please take classroom participation seriously; respect your peers' contributions, and provide feedback as constructively as possible.

C. Exams:

You will have two mid terms and one final examination. The midterms will each be worth 15% of your final grade, and the final will be worth 40% of your final grade. The mid-terms will be held in class on Tuesday 11 October and Tuesday 15 November. The final will take place during the final examination period, and will be scheduled by the Registrar. The exams will contain both multiple choice and short answer questions. There may be some mathematical calculations required, and you are allowed to use calculators in the exams. Exams are mandatory. If you fail to take any of the exams without documentation, you will automatically fail the course.

NOTE: The only acceptable reasons for missing an examination in this class, as listed in the Deferral of Final Examinations section of the University of Calgary Calendar (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-6.html>), are illness, domestic affliction, or religious conviction. If you miss a mid-term examination, and you provide me with the appropriate documentation, the weight of the midterm exam will be added to your final examination. There are NO MAKE UP exams in this class. If you miss the final examination, you must contact the Registrar's Office immediately.

D. Assignments:

There are two mandatory assignments, each of which will be worth 15% of your grade, for a total of 30%. The assignments will be handed out two weeks prior to the due dates

in class. It is your responsibility to get the assignments. The assignments are due *at the beginning of class on the due date.* The assignments are due on Thursday 27 October and Thursday 1 December. Only hard copies of assignments will be accepted. I will not accept assignments by email.

The first assignment will be a country report. You will each write a short research report examining demographic issues in a specific country. Your country report should be 3-4 pages long (typed, double spaced, in 12-point font). More detailed information on this assignment will be distributed in class.

The second assignment will be an assessment of an issue of social inequality and how it is related to population. This assignment should be 3-4 pages long (typed, double-spaced, in 12-point font). More detailed information on this assignment will be distributed in class.

NOTE: Late assignments will receive a grade reduction of 15% for each day past the deadline, including weekend days and holidays.

Grades:

Your final grade will be computed as follows:

- Mid Term One	15%
- Mid Term Two	15%
- Assignments	30%
- Final Examination	40%

I will use the following scale to convert percentage grades to letter grades for this class.

A+ = 95-100	A = 90-94	A- = 85-89
B+ = 80-84	B = 75-79	B- = 70-74
C+ = 65-69	C = 60-64	C- = 55-59
D+ = 50-54	D = 45-49	
F = below 45		

The following description of letter grades comes from the University of Calgary Calendar.

An A indicates superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of the subject matter.

A B indicates clearly above average performance, with knowledge of the subject matter generally complete.

A C indicates satisfactory performance, with a basic understanding of the subject matter.

A D indicates marginal performance and generally insufficient preparation for subsequent

courses in the same subject.
An F indicates unsatisfactory performance, or failure to meet course requirements.

Policies:

- A. You are responsible for all the material covered in the textbook, in supplemental readings, and during lectures.
- B. In the event that you have to miss class, you are responsible for getting the lecture notes from another student in the class.
- C. I will not distribute my personal notes to students under any circumstances.
- D. All submitted work must be **YOUR OWN INDIVIDUAL WORK**. It is your responsibility to make sure you understand the definition of plagiarism, and that you avoid submitting any work which could be considered plagiarized. Students are advised to consult the 2011-2012 University of Calgary Calendar, which presents a Statement of Intellectual Honesty and definitions and penalties associated with plagiarism, cheating, and other academic misconduct. In particular, please note the following statement on penalties for academic misconduct: (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>)
- E. Cell phones, pagers, blackberries, surfing the internet, checking email, and listening to music are disruptive to other students. **No electronic devices** are allowed during class, with the exception of using a computer to take notes, conduct statistical analysis, or complete lab assignments. If you are caught using electronic devices for any other reason during class, you will be asked to leave the classroom.
- F. There are no re-writes on any assignments or examinations in this class, and no extra credit work will be given.
- G. If you expect to have trouble meeting *any* of the class deadlines, please make sure to discuss your concerns with me *before* the deadline.
- H. If you wish to discuss any grades in the class (on examinations or homework assignments) you must meet with me **IN PERSON**, either during office hours or during an appointment time. I will not discuss grades over email.
- I. The U of C Statement on Principles of Conduct, reproduced in the University of Calgary Calendar (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/j-2.html>), applies to all work in this class. Please familiarize yourself with this statement.

Additional Information:

A. **FOIP:**

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) legislation disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place, e.g., outside instructor's office, the department office, etc. Term assignments must be returned to students individually, during class or during the instructor's office hours; if students are unable to pick up their assignments from the instructor, they provide the instructor with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to be used for the return of the assignment.

B. **Academic Accommodation:**

Students with a disability, who require academic accommodation, need to register with the Disability Resource Centre (MC 295, telephone 220-8237). Academic accommodation letters need to be provided to course instructors no later than fourteen (14) days after the first day of class. It is the student's responsibility to register with the Disability Resource Centre and to request academic accommodation, if required.

C. **Plagiarism:**

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. As a result, cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination are regarded as serious academic offenses. Students are advised to consult the 2011-2012 University of Calgary Calendar, which presents a Statement of Intellectual Honesty and definitions and penalties associated with plagiarism, cheating, and other academic misconduct.

D. **Safewalk:**

The University of Calgary provides a safewalk service to any location on Campus, including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones, and campus housing. For Campus Security/Safewalk call 220-5333. Campus Security can also be contacted from any of the "Help" phones located around Campus.

E. **Sociology Web Page:**

<http://www.soci.ucalgary.ca>

F. **USRI:** At the completion of this course each student will be asked to complete an online Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) form.

G. **Research Ethics:**

Students are advised that any research with human subjects--including any interviewing (even with friends and family), opinion polling, or unobtrusive observation--must have the approval of the Departmental Ethics Committee. In completing course requirements, students must not undertake any human subjects research without discussing their plans with the instructor, to determine if ethics approval is required.

Handing in papers outside of class, return of final papers, and release of final grades:

1. When students are unable to submit papers in class, they should make arrangements to hand in their papers directly to the instructor or teaching assistant. Papers will not be accepted in the main Sociology Department office.
2. Final papers will not be returned through the main Sociology Department office. The Freedom of Information and Privacy (FOIP) legislation disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place (i.e. outside an instructor's office, the department office etc.) Students who want their final papers returned by mail must attach a stamped, self-addressed envelope with the paper. Otherwise final papers will be available for pick-up only during the instructor's office hours at the end of this term or at the beginning of the next term.
3. Final grades are not posted by the Sociology Department. They are available only online.

Deferred Final Exam Form:

Please note that requests to defer a Registrar-scheduled final exam are dealt with through the Registrar's Office. Further information about deadlines, and where paperwork should be taken, is available on the form, which can be found at:

http://ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/APP%20FOR%20DF%20EXAM_0.pdf

Deferred Term Work Form:

Deferral of term work past the end of a term also requires a form to be filled out. It's available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/defTW.pdf>

Once an extension date has been agreed between instructor and student, the form should be taken to the Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (SS 110) for approval by an Associate Dean (Students).

Week	Date	Reading	Topic	NOTES
One				
T	13 Sept		Intro. to course, materials, requirements	
Th	15 Sept	Chpt. 1	Population and Demography	
Two				
T	20 Sept	Chpt. 2	Population Data	
Th	22 Sept	Chpt. 3	Population Change	
Three				
T	27 Sept	Chpt. 3	Population Change, Contd.	
Th	29 Sept	Chpt. 4	Age and Sex Structure	
Four				
T	4 Oct	Chpt. 4	Age and Sex Structure, Contd.	
Th	6 Oct	Chpt. 5	Nuptiality	
Five				
T	11 Oct		First Midterm	Covers Chapters 1-5
Th	13 Oct		Discuss Assignment 1	Hand out Assignment 1

Six				
T	18 Oct	Chpt 6	Fertility	
Th	20 Oct	Chpt 6	Fertility, Contd.	
Seven				
T	25 Oct	Chpt. 7	Mortality and Health	
Th	27 Oct	Chpt. 7	Mortality and Health, Contd.	Assignment 1 DUE
Eight				
T	1 Nov	Chpt. 8	Internal Migration	
Th	3 Nov		No class	
Nine				
T	8 Nov	Chpt 9	International Migration	
Ten				
T	15 Nov		Second Midterm	Covers Chapters 1-9
Th	17 Nov		Discuss Assignment 2	Hand out Assignment 2
Eleven				
T	22 Nov	Chpt 10	Urbanization	
Th	24 Nov	Chpt 11	Resources	
Twelve				
T	29 Nov	Chpt. 11	Resources, Contd.	
Th	1 Dec	Chpt. 12	Policy	Assignment 2 DUE

Thirteen

T	6 Dec	Chpt. 12	Policy, Contd.
Th	8 Dec	Review	

Final Examination (CUMULATIVE – covers the entire course): Registrar Scheduled
