GE 103: Human Geography

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Note that syllabi, readings and other materials will be provided in the Google Group for this class.

Required Texts: Short, John 2017. <u>Human Geography: A Short Introduction</u>. NY: Oxford Univ. Press.

Course Description: This course is designed to provide a basic background in the study of human geography, or the relationship between people and the physical landscape. Geography is the study of space, while human geography is the study of people in physical space. This course examines traditional concerns of human geographers in changing patterns of land use, migration and interaction, from the context of cross-disciplinary research dealing with major issues of modern existence. These range from cultural impacts on decision-making to cultural logic in environmental degradation. This course is intended for any student interested in understanding the world that they inhabit, and how we interact with it and each other. It is especially suitable for behavioral science majors, for education majors (both elementary and secondary) and for students planning to go into careers dealing with policy, planning or advocacy issues such as political science, regional planning or environmental studies.

EART SUPPORT Scenario:

We are trying something different as a framework to work through the course materials. In this scenario you have graduated (congratulations) from CUH so you've decided to take a job with EART SUPPORT. That will be the premise behind how we structure class sessions this semester.

BS-DIV Student Learning Outcomes

Behavioral Science

- 1. Ability to apply the scientific method to the study of human behavior in various environmental contexts
- 2. An understanding of human behavior relative to various environmental contexts
- 3. An understanding of human behavior relative to adapting to various changing environmental contexts

Course Objectives:

This course meets the following Behavioral Science program goals that we have for you (the student):

1) growth in your understanding of the reciprocal relationships between the individual and the group (ethnic or society);

The course has the following course goals:

- 1) To increase your sensitivity to the complex dialog that underlies our interaction with the physical environment around us;
- 2) How pervasive spatial concepts are to our individual and collective existence;

- 3) The complex dialog between culture, world view and perceived reality on one hand, and various constraining forces of the physical environment on the other;
- 4) The value of geographical concepts to both understanding and dealing with many of the complex issues facing us today.
- 5) To directly address the Program goal of providing students with the tools they need to provide leadership roles and competency in a complex multicultural world, through understanding the perceptions and motivations of diverse ethnic groups and how they interact:
- 6) To directly address the Marianist goals of building collaborative learning communities and also integrating diverse viewpoints and values, through broadening your horizons as to the motivations and attitudes of individuals from cultural and ethnic backgrounds outside of your own experience.
- **Modes of Instruction**: 1) Lectures and discussions: The lectures will supplement but NOT repeat the material covered in the texts. Both lectures and textual materials will be on the exams, and you are responsible for BOTH. Attendance is mandatory if you want to pass the class.
 - 2) Videos: Some videos will be shown in class while others will be via YouTube during the semester. You will be responsible for viewing them attendance is mandatory and will be taken. You will be writing short reaction papers on most of the videos.

Skill Competencies you must have to take the course:

We will be using Google Groups for our course assignments. You will get an invite to join the Google Group for this course—click the OK button. You have to join both (Canvas and Google Groups) to get the course materials. CUH uses Canvas as the administrative and course delivery system. Once you leave CUH you won't ever see the Canvas system again as it's an education-specific platform. Google Groups will most likely be what you will see in any corporate setting globally, so getting familiar with it is a skill you need to have.

Assignments should be sent to me as e-mail attachments, either as Word docs/rtf/pdf formal files.

GRADING:

- THOUGHT OF THE WEEK EXERCISES: You will complete a Thought of The Weeks Exercise for each Module [8 total-see schedule]. At the start of each module I will post some topics you might want to consider, or you can do one based on your own personal interest from the materials in that module—if you want to do your own, you must check we me first to see is it's appropriate.
 - O Each TOTW will consist of a minimum of 6 paragraphs in a specific format [see below]
 - o Each TOTW is due by the end of that module
 - o The TOTWs count for 70% of your course grade;

PRESENTATION/BLOG POST:

- O You do this by yourself [solo]—NO GROUP WORK
- O Presentation/blog will be based a specific concept or topic from the course materials
- O Do NOT repeat the material presented in the course Powerpoints—this must be your own material

- O Your goal is a presentation that would be useful for your classmates
- O Your presentation can be as a PowerPoint, blog post or website (your choice) and cover your topic in detail. For length estimate 5-7 PowerPoint slides or a 7-10 paragraph blog post as the minimum.
- O It must include: 1) clarification of any technical terms and explanation; 2) examples that clarify the question; 3) one or two final thoughts that show the importance of the issue; 4) cites and sources.
- o The Presentation will be worth 20% of the course grade

• REACTION PAPERS and LEARNING ASSIGNMENTS [as required]:

- O You will write a number of reaction papers
- O These will be on questions posed in class, usually related to videos
- O You will not be graded on grammar
- o They will be from 1-2 pages in length
- O There will also be a number of various assignments during the semester directed at learning, both readings and tasks. You will be graded on the completion of the assignments.
- o Reaction Papers/Learning Assignments count for 5% of the course grade

• ATTENDANCE:

- O Attendance is mandatory in all CUH courses
- O Attendance counts for 5% of your course grade

• ELECTRONICS RULES:

- O Computers-tablets used to take notes in class are encouraged
- O If you abuse this by trying to multi-task either with social media or working on material for other courses, you will lose the privilege for the rest of the semester
- O Smartphones are not acceptable as classroom devices, so they must be off;
- O Breaking these rules will result in you being thrown out of class for that day and listed as not attending.

TOTW exercises (8) 70%	A = 90-100	D = 60-69
Presentation/Blog 20%	B = 80-89	F = -60
Reaction/Learning Assign5%	C = 70-79	
Attendance5%		

THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF EXTRA-CREDIT WORK IN THIS CLASS

8/20-9/1: MODULE I [PART 1-2 CONCEPTS-BIAS]:

Ass.: Ch. 1-2

<u>Topics:</u> Geography fields; Space-Place-Region; spatial perspective; human-environment interaction; landscapes-natural, cultural; built environment; cultural ecology; intervening opportunity; friction of distance; cartography; mapping issues; qualitative-quantitative; culture-society-ethnocentrism-cultural relativity; GPS-GIS;

9/3-9/14: MODULE 2 [PART 3-4 THEORY-MOVEMENT]:

Ass.: Ch. 3

<u>Topics</u>: Perception-reality; theory approaches; demographics; CBR-CDR-TFR-ZPG; pop pyramids; replacement rate; Malthusian model-carrying capacity; transmission vectors

9/17-9/21: MODULE 3 [PART 5-6 FOOD-RESOURCES]:

Ass.: Ch. 4-5

<u>Topics</u>: Ag sectors; green revolutions-GMOs; sustainability

9/24-10/5: MODULE 4 [PART 7-8 ENVIRONMENT-ECONOMICS]:

Ass.: Ch. 6-7

<u>Topics</u>: GAIA concept; renewable-nonrenewable; energy systems; pollution vectors; biodiversity; consumption-recycling; Production-labor; economic sectors; Q of L as development goal; GDP-HDI measures; growth model-development

10/8-10/19: MODULE 5 [PART 9-10 PRODUCTION-MIGRATION]:

Ass.: Ch. 8-9

<u>Topics</u>:; individual-mass production; Fordist-Post Fordist; Outsourcing; Fair Trade; Break of Bulk Point; Migration forms; push-pull; migrant-refugee; remittance economies; assimilation; diaspora

10/22-11/9: MODULE 6 [PART 11-12 TOURISM-HAWAII]:

Ass.: Ch. 10

<u>Topics:</u> ethnicity stages, 2 parts; ethnic cleansing; cultural appropriation; language; lingua franca; symbol-sign-icon; proxemics-kinesics; digital realities-digital places; Cosmogony; Durkheim religion definition; Religion forms; pilgrimage; Tourism historyforces; tourism impacts-ethnicity

11/12-11/30: MODULE 7 [PART 13-14 POLITICS-URBANIZATION:

Ass.: Ch. 11-16

<u>Topics</u>: Colonialism forms; the State-boundaries-borders; sovereignty-regional organizations; nationalism-patriotism; nation-state; balkanization; self-determination-sovereignty-ethnicity; CBD; Megalopolis-Primate City; urbanization impacts; transportation networks; on-demand production-movement; infrastructure investment-costs; digitized networks; urban marginalization; gentrification-underclass; "Social Design" as planning goal; Current-future trends-issues

Thought of the Week (TOTW) Exercise Format 7/18

TOTW FORMAT:

4 Parts [THESE ARE THE MINIMUMS]:

- 1) Concept or topic covered—specify and define [1 PARAGRAPH]
- 2) Put into a context—what is it's importance w/in course material [1-2 PARAGRAPH]
- 3) Go into detail on 1-2 specific aspects of the concept/topic NOT covered in the class materials—you can use your course readings but you must also have at least 1 source outside of the course materials [5-6 PARAGRAPHS]
- 4) Discuss the context/relevance of this concept to you (personal), to us (Hawai'i), and to us (global) [2-3 PARAGRAPHS]
- 5) Citations with bibliography [APA format preferred]

RULES:

PARAGRAPH= defined as having 2 or more sentences.

CITATIONS= You must show where you got your material from. You MUST support your material with citations.

WAYS TO LOSE POINTS:

1 Use internet/generic definition rather than discipline [course] specific definition= 1 grade down

Logic= If you can't remember that the course is within a discipline, which has specific definitions attached to terms, then you're not engaging in the class. Also if you forget this rule, you need to be reminded to focus on task.

2 Merely repeating class [powerpoint/talks] materials= 1 grade down minimum

Logic= If you can't be organized time-wise to look for outside sources, then you're not completing the assignment—you're merely repeating my materials back to me.

3 Opinion-Only Writing= If your writing only shows your opinion on the concept/topic; no citations= 1 grade down minimum

Logic= No one really cares about opinions—they want proof to back up your assertions/analyses so that you are more convincing. If you really need to vent, that's what social media is for.

4 Working on exercises with others= minimum 1 grade down

Logic= Sharing material means either you're putting in ½ the effort, or, more likely, one member is doing all the work and the other are entertaining (hopefully) parasites.

5 Bogus citations/sources= 1 grade down minimum

Logic= If you only pull your sources from the immediate [Wikipedia-only for example] then just as with the generic definition, you're not engaging with the material and showing any effort to process the class materials.

We comply with all federal laws and guidelines including Title 9.

Chaminade University of Honolulu recognizes the inherent dignity of all individuals and promotes respect for all people. Sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse will NOT be tolerated at CUH. If you have been the victim of sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, we encourage you to report this matter promptly. As a faculty member, I am interested in promoting a safe and healthy environment, and should I learn of any sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, I must report the matter to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you want to speak to a confidential source you may contact the following:

• Chaminade Counseling Center <u>808 735-4845</u>.

• Any priest serving as a sacramental confessor or any ordained religious leader serving in the sacred confidence role.

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is an essential aspect of all learning, scholarship, and research. It is one of the values regarded most highly by academic communities throughout the world. Violations of the principle of academic honesty are extremely serious and will not be tolerated.

Students are responsible for promoting academic honesty at Chaminade by not participating in any act of dishonesty and by reporting any incidence of academic dishonesty to an instructor or to a University official. Academic dishonesty may include theft of records or examinations, alteration of grades, and plagiarism.

Questions of academic dishonesty in a particular class are first reviewed by the instructor, who must make a report with recommendations to the Dean of the Academic Division. Punishment for academic dishonesty will be determined by the instructor and the Dean of the Academic Division and may range from an 'F' grade for the work in question to an 'F' for the course to suspension or dismissal from the University.

SCIENTIFIC METHOD DEFINITIONS

The **METHODS OF SCIENCE** are only tools, tools that we use to obtain knowledge about phenomena.

The **SCIENTIFIC METHOD** is a set of assumptions and rules about collecting and evaluating data. The explicitly stated assumptions and rules enable a standard, systematic method of investigation that is designed to reduce bias as much as possible. Central to the scientific method is the collection of data, which allows investigators to put their ideas to an empirical test, outside of or apart from their personal biases. In essence, stripped of all its glamour, scientific inquiry is nothing more **THAN A WAY OF LIMITING FALSE CONCLUSIONS ABOUT NATURAL EVENTS.**

Knowledge of which the credibility of a profession is based must be objective and verifiable (testable) rather than subjective and untestable.

SCIENCE is a mode of controlled inquiry to develop an objective, effective, and credible way of knowing.

The assumptions one makes regarding the basic qualities of human nature (that is, cognitive, affective, behavioral, and physiological processes) affect how one conceptualizes human behavior.

The two basic functions of scientific approach are 1) advance knowledge, to make discoveries, and to learn facts in order to improve some aspect of the world, and 2) to establish relations among events, develop theories, and this helps professionals to make predictions of future events.

Research Design And Counseling Heppner, Kivlighan, and Wampold

A **THEORY** is a large body of interconnected propositions about how some portion of the world operates; a **HYPOTHESIS** is a smaller body of propositions. **HYPOTHESES** are smaller versions of theories. Some are derived or born from theories. Others begin as researchers' hunches and develop into theories.

The **PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE** decrees we can only falsify, not verify (prove), theories because we can never be sure that any given theory provides the best explanation for a set of observations.

Research Method In Social Relations Kidder

THEORIES are not themselves directly proved or disproved by research. Even **HYPOTHESES** cannot be proved or disproved directly. Rather, research may either support or fail to support a particular hypothesis derived from a theory.

Scientific research has four general goals: (1) to describe behavior, (2) to predict behavior, (3) to determine the causes of behavior, and (4) to understand or explain behavior.

Methods In Behavioral Research; Cozby

In order to verify the reliability and validity of scientific research it is important to replicate the results. It is the preponderance of evidence that establishes/supports the theory. http://allpsych.com/researchmethods/replication.html