

Soc 597.02

**World Population Problems**

**Spring 2002**

**Lecture:** Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30-11:18, Ramseyer Hall (RA) 010

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**Objectives:**

This is an introductory course to the study of human population. The objective is to help you think about some of the problems in the U.S. and around the world from a demographic perspective. We will focus on changes in the processes of mortality, fertility, and migration and how these processes shape the compositions of the U.S. and world populations. We will also examine how processes and compositions are related to social and economic developments.

**Readings:**

John Weeks. 2002. Population: An Introduction to Concepts and Issues. Eighth Edition. Wadsworth.

A set of articles listed below, available on line. Go to my webpage, <http://www.sociology.ohio-state.edu/zcq>, click on the course, and click on either JSTOR or PRB to download articles.

**Requirements:**

I encourage you to attend class regularly, since lectures often cover materials not included in the course readings. In this class, discussion, questions, and comments are both encouraged and expected. In-class exercises or quizzes will be given periodically to test how well you have followed the reading assignments and lectures. Students who want to make up missed exercises or quizzes must provide a written document (officially documented medical or family emergency), and will be assigned to write a chapter report.

There will be three projects. Work relating to these projects must be neat, legible and organized. All projects must be typed and double-spaced. Each project takes about two or three weeks to complete. If you require an extension, please discuss this with me *before* the date on which the project is due. Projects are fundamental to this course. They are time-consuming, don't expect to do them (well) at the last moment.

- April 11      **Lecture 4: Demographic Perspectives**  
JW Chapter 3  
Lee, James and Wang Feng. 1999. "Malthusian Models and Chinese Realities: The Chinese Demographic System 1700-2000." *Population and Development Review* 25: 33-65. JSTOR
- April 16      **Lecture 5: Morbidity and Mortality (I)**  
JW: Chapter 4
- April 18      **Lecture 6: Morbidity and Mortality (II)**  
Bongaarts, John. 1996. "Global Trends in AIDS Mortality." *Population and Development Review* 22: 21-45. JSTOR
- April 23      **Lecture 7: Fertility (I)**  
JW: Chapters 5 and 6
- April 25      **Lecture 8: Fertility (II)**  
Morgan, S. Philip. 1996. "Characteristic Features of Modern American Fertility." *Population and Development Review* 22: 19-63. JSTOR
- April 30      **Lecture 9: Migration (I)**  
JW Chapter 7
- May 2        **Lecture 10: Migration (II)**  
Zlotnik, Hania. 1998. "International Migration 1965-1996: An Overview." *Population and Development Review* 24: 429-468. JSTOR  
Massey, Douglas S. 1995. "The New Immigration and Ethnicity in the United States." *Population and Development Review* 21:631-652. JSTOR
- May 7        **Lecture 11: Urbanization and Review**  
JW Chapter 11  
Martin P. Bockerhoff. 2000. An Urbanizing World. *Population Bulletin* 55 (3). PRB
- May 9        **First Exam**

There will be two exams. The second exam will not be cumulative. The exams will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and short essay questions from lectures and readings.

Students with documented disabilities are responsible for making their needs known to the instructor and seeking available assistance in a timely manner. The syllabus is available in alternative formats upon request. Please contact Karyl Shirkey, 304 Bricker Hall, 304 Bricker Hall, 292-2056.

### Grading:

Two exams:	50%
In-Class participation, exercises, or quizzes:	20%
Projects:	30%
Total	100

Grading scale: **A** = 93-100; **A-** =90-92; **B+** =87-89; **B** =83-86; **B-** =80-82; **C+** =77-79; **C** =73-76; **C-** =70-72; **D+** =67-69; **D** =63-66; **D-** =60-62; **E** =<60

### Schedules:

I shall try to adhere to the following schedule. All readings should be done prior to the date of the class for which they are assigned. The exception is the reading for April 2. Please do the reading for this date and the April 4 class by April 4.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic and Reading Assignments</b>
April 2	<b>Lecture 1: Introduction</b>  Readings: JW: Chapter 1 and Chapter 14.
April 4	<b>Lecture 2: Overview of the World Population</b>  Complete reading assignments of April 2
April 9	<b>Lecture 3: Data Sources</b>  JW Chapter 2

- May 14      No Class
- May 16      **Lecture 12: Population Composition**  
JW Chapter 8
- May 21      **Lecture 13: Aging (I)**  
JW Chapter 9
- May 23      **Lecture 14: Aging (II)**  
Himes, Christine L. "Elderly Americans." *Population Bulletin* 56 (1). PRB
- May 28      **Lecture 15: Family Demography (I)**  
Readings: Chapter 10
- May 30      **Lecture 16: Family Demography (II)**  
Bianchi, Suzanne M. and Lynne M. Casper. 2000. "American Families." *Population Bulletin* 55(4). PRB
- June 4      **Lecture 17: Population and Environment**  
JW Chapter 12
- June 6      **Lecture 18: Population Futures and Policies**  
JW Chapter 13
- June 13      **Second Exam** (Thursday, 9:30-11:18)
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