

# Human Geography

## Course Syllabus: 2014 – 2015

### ▪ Purpose and Aim of Course

Human Geography is a yearlong course that focuses on the distribution, processes, and effects of human populations on the planet. Units of study include population, migration, culture, language, religion, ethnicity, political geography, economic development, industry, agriculture, and urban geography. Emphasis is placed on geographic models and their applications. Case studies from around the globe are compared to the situation in both the United States and locally. GIS and other Internet activities will be utilized in the class.

### ▪ Course Objectives

- To introduce students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface
- To learn about and employ the methods of geographers, especially including observation, mapmaking, data gathering and reporting, and technical writing
- To employ spatial concepts, geographic vocabulary, and landscape interpretation to a variety of locations and situations around the globe and in local areas
- To develop a geographic perspective with which to view the landscape and understand current events

### ▪ Course Textbook

de Blij, H. J., Alexander B. Murphy., and Erin H. Fouberg. Human Geography: Culture, Society, and Space.

10th ed. New York: John Wiley, 2012.\

### ▪ Course Online Resources

- ARCGIS
- Google Earth
- Class Website: [mrtoddmash.weebly.com](http://mrtoddmash.weebly.com)

## ▪ Course Schedule

<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>Semester 2</b>	
<u>Quarter 1</u>	<u>Quarter 2</u>	<u>Quarter 3</u>	<u>Quarter 4</u>
Introduction to Human Geography	Culture	Agriculture	Urban Geography
Population and Migration	Political Geography	Industrial Geography	Geocaching Unit
	<b>Final</b>		<b>Final</b>

## ▪ Course Assessment Policy

## Weighted Percent of Grade

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|-------------------|-----|
| ○ Chapter Tests   | 50% |
| ○ Quizzes         | 20% |
| ○ Projects / Labs | 20% |
| ○ Homework        | 10% |

## ▪ Required Materials

- Paper – Notebook or loose
- Three Ring Binder (3 – 5 in. recommended)
- Binder Dividers – 15 – 20 to divide your binder
- Writing Utensils – Do not come to class without one.

## ▪ BRING MATERIALS TO CLASS!

## ▪ Expectations

- **Attention / Focus:**
  - Human Geography is a global class which requires you to learn many new thoughts and ideas. Reading and studying skills will be important for your success.
- **Effort:**
  - What you put into this class, you will get. Hard work will be rewarded with both knowledge and good grades.
- **Respect:**
  - “Do unto others as you would have done to you” Golden Rule
    - Everything that you say and do in this class will affect someone else.
- **Dismissal:**
  - I will dismiss class with “Have a great day”.

“Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you’ll land among the stars.”

– Norman Vincent Peale

## ▪ Classroom Policies

- Assignments and Late Work

- Coursework and assignments are expected to be completed and submitted for scoring on or before the designated due date:
  - Homework assignments/labs will be accepted for credit until the date of the **corresponding chapter test**. Assignments may be turned in later than the corresponding chapter test for correction, but will receive no points.
  - Chapter vocabulary assignments are due on the date of the **corresponding chapter test**. Vocabulary assignment turned in after the corresponding chapter test will receive half credit.
- Test Policy
  - You may retake a test until the **next chapter test**.
  - If you miss school, you are expected to schedule a time **with me** to make up the test.
    - Tests may not be made up during class
  - Tests will be posted on the class website at least **two weeks** before the test date.
- Weekly Quiz Policy
  - You will be assessed **every week** on what we learned from readings, vocabulary, etc
- Absent Work Policy
  - The absent work policy will follow the guidelines in the MASH Student Handbook.
- Copying/Cheating
  - Students caught copying or cheating will be dealt with according to the MASH Student Handbook.

