This course provides an introduction to Human Geography. Topics covered include geographies of population, culture, and economic development, nature and society, politics, and urbanization in global contexts. By the end of the course, students will be able to: 1) explain interactions between people and places, 2) describe variations in geographies of population, culture, politics, and economic development across world regions, and 3) identify urban problems/challenges facing human settlements in the era of globalization in both developed and developing countries.

TEXTBOOK (Available from the Campus Bookstore & on reserve in Blackwell Library).


COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- **Attendance & Participation** : 10%
- **Geographic Literacy Quizzes** : 5%
- **Online Assignment** : 5%
- **Three Section Exams** : 80%

Grading Scale:

- 90 or higher-----------------A
- 80- Less than 90------------B
- 70- Less than 80------------C
- 60- Less than 70------------D
- Less than 60-----------------F

Attendance and Participation (10% of the final grade).
You are expected to attend all classes and participate actively in class discussions and exercises. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of the class. The instructor will use a seating chart, so do NOT change your seat during the semester. Active participation is required to enhance the learning of all participants. Mutual respect should be shown at all times. To prevent class disturbance, students should come to class on time and never leave until class dismiss. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to obtain notes on missed materials from a classmate.

Geographic Literacy Quizzes (5% of the total grade)
Students will take two Geographic Literacy Quizzes. The first quiz (February 12th) requires identification of the location of selected countries on a base map of the world, while the other quiz (April 2nd) asks you to locate states and cities on a base map of the United States. See Atlas of the World available in Blackwell Library to prepare for these quizzes. If a student missed Quiz One or Two, then he/she should take it during the final examination week. However, if he/she missed both Quiz One and Two, he/she will not be allowed to take the quizzes without submitting a valid documented excuse (e.g., a doctor note indicating medical reasons for missing both quizzes).

Online Assignment (5% of the final grade)
The Online Assignment will be available from April 9th at 8:00 AM to April 16th at 8:00 PM. More information about the assignment requirements will be provided. If you do not complete the assignment by the deadline (April 16th at 8:00 PM), there will be no way to take it without providing a valid
documented excuse (e.g., a doctor note indicating that you could not work on the assignment due to serious illness between April 9th and 16th).

Three Section Exams (80% of the final Grade)
Exams One & Two (50% of the total grade) and Exam Three (30% of your final grade) will be a combination of multiple choice and true/false questions. Exam questions address topics covered in class and the readings. Exam One will be on February 26th, Exam Two will be on April 16th, and Exam Three will be taken on May 19th. More information will be provided prior to each exam.

- If a student missed Exam One OR Two, he/she should take a comprehensive exam during the final examination week to replace the missed exam.
- If a student missed Exam Three OR Two Section Exams (Exams One & Two, Exams One or Two and Exam Three, etc.) without submitting a valid documented excuse (e.g., a report from a hospital indicating that the student was seriously ill on the day of the exam), he/she would receive a “Zero” for the missed exams.

CODE OF CONDUCT
Violations of the university rules will not be tolerated in this class. Specifically, cheating on the exams, quizzes, and/or the online assignment will be rigorously pursued by the instructor. See “2013-2014 Student Code of Conduct, Policies and Procedures,” found at: http://www.salisbury.edu/studentconduct/docs/codeofconduct/13-14/Code_Conduct_2013_2014.pdf

CLASS COMMUNICATION
I will use SU e-mail to contact you and send clarifications and announcements. MyClasses will be used to post grades, syllabus, and course materials, and to work on the online assignment. If you want to contact me, please e-mail me (akali@salisbury.edu) and/or come and see me (HS 157F). I will respond to your e-mail as soon as possible.

DISABILITIES
Students with disabilities, who need academic accommodations, should contact the Office of Disability Services located in the Guerrieri University Center, Room 212. In addition, they should inform me about their needs for academic accommodations by February 5th. I will be very happy to help them.

TENTATIVE CLASS CALENDAR
[This calendar is subject to change as deemed necessary depending on class progress.]

WEEK ONE (January 27-29th)
  Introduction to the course.
  Knox & Marston, Chapter 1: Geography Matters.

WEEK TWO (February 3 -5th)
  Knox & Marston, Chapter 2: The Changing Global Context.

WEEK THREE (February 10-12th)
  Knox & Marston, Chapter 3: Population Geography.
  Geographic Literacy Quiz One (February 12th).
WEEK FOUR (February 17-19th)
   Knox & Marston, Chapter 5: Cultural Geographies.

WEEK FIVE (February 24– 26th)
   Guidelines for the First Section Exam.
   First Section Exam (February 26th).

WEEK SIX (March 3-5th)
   Knox & Marston, Chapter 6: Interpreting Places and Landscapes.

WEEK SEVEN (March 10-12th)
   Knox & Marston, Chapter 4: People and Nature.

WEEK EIGHT (March 17-19th): Spring Break: No Classes.

WEEK NINE (March 24-26th):
   Knox & Marston, Chapter 7: Geographies of Economic Development.

WEEK TEN (March 31-April 2nd)
   Knox & Marston, Chapter 8: Food and Agriculture.
   Geographic Literacy Quiz Two (April 2nd).

   April 3rd: Last day to withdraw (Grade of W)

WEEK ELEVEN (April 7-9th)
   Guidelines for the Second Section Exam.

   Online Assignment available from April 9th at 8:00 AM to April 16th at 8:00 PM.

WEEK TWELVE (April 14-16th)
   Second Section Exam (April 16th)
   Knox & Marston, Chapter 9: Political Geographies.

WEEK THIRTEEN (April 21-23th)
   Knox & Marston, Chapter 10: Urbanization.

WEEK FOURTEEN (April 28-30th)
   Knox & Marston, Chapter 11: City Spaces, Urban Structure.

WEEK FIFTEEN (May 5-7th)
   Knox & Marston, Chapter 11 (Cont.).

WEEK SIXTEEN (May 12th)
   Guidelines for the Third Section Exam.

   Third Section Exam (May 19th at 10:45 am).