

Soc312H1S Population and Society

University of Toronto
Winter 2013 (January – April)
Tuesday 10:00 – 12:00pm
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Overview

This introductory course examines Canada's population in a global context, covering a broad range of population issues and perspectives. Topics include (a) demographic data and methods, (b) population composition in terms of age, sex, and nuptiality, (c) demographic processes of fertility, mortality, internal and international migration, (d) the relationship between population change and urbanization, and (e) the role of social policy on population change. For all course topics, the instructor will examine historical and cross-national trends and review proposed explanations.

Your grade is based on three components – one term test (32.5%), completing a research project on an approved topic (35%), and a final exam (32.5%).

Important Information

- Late submissions are discouraged; 10% will be deducted for each business day late, including part of a day.
- Students who have been absent from class for medical reasons, must submit the U of T Medical Certificate, within 1 week of the missed test.
- Plagiarism is taken seriously at the University of Toronto. The University has prepared documents to make clear what differentiates acceptable from unacceptable practice. See <http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/using-sources/how-not-to-plagiarize>. By taking this course, you acknowledge that your submitted work may be reviewed for textual similarity for the detection of plagiarism.
- Completion of SOC200H1 – Logic of Social Inquiry -- is required. Students without this prerequisite will be removed from the course.
- Accessibility Needs: The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility. If you require accommodations or have any accessibility concerns, please visit <http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/accessibility> as soon as possible.

Readings

The readings are from our course textbook titled *Canada's Population in a Global Context: An Introduction to Social Demography*. By Frank Trovato (2009, Oxford), which can be purchased at the University Bookstore.

Email

Please ensure that any email to the instructor has SOC312 in the subject. Email communication and accessing the course webpage are important for this course. Be sure that the email linked to your name on Blackboard is one that you check regularly. I will use email for reminders, clarifications, and notifications that cannot be made in class. Feel free to contact the instructor or the teaching assistant if you have questions, requests or problems that were not --or could not be-- addressed in class. We are here to help and want you to do well.

Comments on Writing

I encourage you to use the university's writing resources, which are described on their website). The instructor and TA are willing to read over drafts of your work during visits to office hours. All too often, students' papers are one or two drafts short of excellence when time expires. One rewrite can often make the difference between "C" and "A" work.

Date	Topic	Readings
Jan 8 th	Introduction to the Study of Population	none for today
Jan 15 th	The Study of Population; Population Data Sources and Nature	(Chapter 1 and 2)
Jan 22 th	Population: Past, Present and Futures	(Chapter 3)
Jan 29 th	Demographic Composition – Age and Sex Structure	(Chapter 4)
Feb 5 th	Nuptiality	(Chapter 5)
Feb 12 th	Fertility	(Chapter 6)
Feb 19 th	No Class Today (Reading Week)	
Feb 26 th	Term Test in Class Today	
March 5 th	Mortality and Population Health	(Chapter 7)
March 12 th	Internal Migration – Cities and Social Pathology	(Chapter 8)
March 19 th	International Migration	(Chapter 9)
March 26 th	Urbanization	(Chapter 10)
April 2 nd	Population and Resources; Policy Concerns (Projects Due)	(Chapter 11 & 12)

Final Exam will take place during the exam period
**** Date, Time, and Location will be announced when available ****

We strive to securely post grades within two weeks of the test.