

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course information

<u>Lecture sessions:</u>	MWF 12:00–12:50 PM, 1104 Engineering I
<u>Website:</u>	http://real.geog.ucsb.edu/005
<u>Instructor:</u>	James D. Proctor Office: 5709 Ellison Hall Campus Phone: x8741 Email: jproctor@geog.ucsb.edu Office Hours: Wed 1:00–3:00 PM or by appointment
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<u>Sections:</u>	Mon 2 PM, EH 3621 Wed 11 AM 2 PM 5 PM, EH 3621 Thu 2 PM, EH 3621 Fri 1 PM, EH 3621

Course Objective

Geography 5 is an introductory course in human geography, which concerns the spatial organization of human activity, the significance of places to people, and society's relationships with nature. Human geography is thus a broad scientific and humanistic study of the roles of space, place, and environment in our lives as inhabitants of planet Earth (hence the "geo").

Course Website

We will be testing a new CMS (course management system) called Moodle this term. Moodle will allow you to access course resources, submit assignments, check your grade, and participate in online discussions. Instructions for registration and use are available online and in class.

Text and Activities

The course text is Human Geography: Places and Regions in Global Context, by Paul Knox and Sally Marston (3rd edition, Prentice Hall 2003). Lectures are devoted to covering course objectives in greater depth, not just repeating what's in the text. All lecture notes will be placed online—but notes never replace your learning experience in class, so please attend if you want to do well. Students will participate in weekly discussion sections and complete weekly assignments online; thus web access via IC labs or other means is mandatory. Many discussion sections will feature movies devoted to exploring case studies of course themes. Exam review will also occur during section.

Exams and Grading

The course grade will be determined based on the following elements: two midterm exams and a noncumulative final (20 percent each, all multiple-choice format), weekly assignments (30 percent total), and section participation (10 percent). Students can earn up to 3 percent extra credit through participation in a Research Pool. Please note that plagiarism, whether connected with assignments or exams, carries severe penalties at UCSB.

Honors Section

Students interested in participating in an honors section should contact Dr. Proctor during the first week of class. Honors students will participate in all regular class activities, including a regular discussion section in addition to the honors section.