

0101S325

Population and Society

Instructor: TBA

Time: December 15, 2025 - January 16, 2026

Office Hours: By appointment

Contact Hours: 60 (50 minutes each)

Credits: 4

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Course Description

In this course we will study the impact of population processes and events on human societies. The main topics covered in this course including mortality, fertility, migration, population change and distribution.

Required Textbook(s)

Reading materials will be provided by the course instructor.

Evaluation:

Exams	45%
Paper	25%
Assignments	20%
Participation	10%
Total	100%

Note – Late Exams will NOT be accepted, if you do not submit an exam on time you will receive a zero on the exam, no exceptions. On written assignments and the term paper the policy is 5% of the total points of the assignment taken off per every 24 hours late.

Note – Your participation grade (which is 10% of your final grade) will be determined by mandatory attendance and participation in live discussions; dates and times for discussion sessions will be announced prior to the launch of the course. For full credit, you will be expected to have a working camera and microphone on for the entire session along with asking or answering a question or two. You will receive no points for missed discussions.

Course Schedule

Please note that the schedule is meant to give an overview of the major concepts this course. Changes may occur in this calendar as needed to aid in the student's development.

Week 1:

- Introduction to Demography
- Global Population Trends
- **Assignment 1 – Worth 10% of Final Grade – Due Sunday**

Week 2:

- Demographic Perspectives
- Demographic Data
- **Exam 1 – Worth 15% of Final Grade – Due Friday**
- The Health and Mortality Transition

Week 3:

- The Fertility Transition
- **Assignment 2 – Worth 10% of Final Grade – Due Wednesday**
- The Migration Transition
- The Age Transition

Week 4:

- **Exam 2 – Worth 15% of Final Grade – Due Tuesday**
- The Urban Transition
- The Family and Household Transition

Week 5:

- **Term Paper – Worth 25% of Final Grade – Due Monday**
- Population and Sustainability
- What Lies Ahead?
- **Final Exam - Worth 15% of Final Grade – Due Friday by Noon Beijing Time**

Grading Scale

The instructor will use the grading system as applied by JNU:

Definition	Letter Grade	Score
Excellent	A	90~100
Good	B	80~89
Satisfactory	C	70~79
Poor	D	60~69
Failed	E	Below 60

Academic Integrity

As members of the Jinan University academic community, students are expected to be honest in all of their academic coursework and activities. Academic dishonesty, includes (but is not limited to) cheating on assignments or examinations; plagiarizing, i.e., misrepresenting as one's own work any work done by another; submitting the same paper, or a substantially similar paper, to meet the requirements of more than one course without the approval and consent of the instructors concerned; or sabotaging other students' work within these general definitions. Instructors, however, determine what constitutes academic misconduct in the courses they teach. Students found guilty of academic misconduct in any portion of the academic work face penalties that range from the lowering of their course grade to awarding a grade of E for the entire course.