GEOG 5
People, Place, and the Environment
Spring 2007
Lecture: MWF 12:00-12:50, Buchanan Hall 1910
Discussion Section: Ellison Hall 2620

Web page: www.geog.ucsb.edu/~sweeney/g5/g5.htm

Office hours: Mondays 3-4:30 and Thursdays 10:30-12 or by appointment.

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Required Texts:

Course Description
Geography is an ancient discipline that has increased in relevance as the world has become more complex and interconnected. A basic division within the discipline is between physical geography and human geography. As suggested by the title, this course is primarily concerned with the latter. Human geographers study the patterns embedded in human/cultural/economic landscapes and the processes that give rise to those landscapes. Places are a fundamental unit of analysis in such studies and interaction between humans and the natural environment is a crucial component of the geographic perspective. This course will provide a survey of topics that fall within the vast domain of Human Geography.

Student Evaluation
Your grades will be based on a midterm exam (25%), a final exam (35%), assignments (25%), and map quizzes (15%). Final grades in the course will be based on a curve. Requests to miss or reschedule an exam must be made at minimum one week before the exam. Excuses based on debilitating illness, emergencies, or Acts of God should be supported by appropriate documentation. Exams will be based on material from the text, assignments and lectures. Please note that some of the material from lectures is not covered in the textbook. The final exam will be cumulative.

Starting the second week, sections will meet each week according to the scheduled times. The section instructors will review or preview the assignments from Geography in Action and will administer map quizzes.

There will be opportunities to earn extra-credit in the course by participating in the Geog 5 Research Pool or by completing current events stories. Details on both of those opportunities are described on the course website. Students can earn a maximum of 3 extra credit points during the course.

Communications
The teaching assistant / section instructor should be your first point of contact for any questions about related to the course. They will communicate with me as necessary. I will be happy to answer questions related to the course content or the field of Geography during office hours.