

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts Program
Bachelor of Science Program
Bachelor of Business Administration Program
Bachelor of Nursing Science Program
- Faculty/Institute/College** Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSS 135
- Course Title** Introduction to Human Geography
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (4-0-8) (Lecture/Lab/Self-Study)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** none
5. **Type of Course** General Education
6. **Session** Every trimester/every year
7. **Conditions** -
8. **Course Description**
Relates the development of population and economics to cultural geography.
9. **Course Objective (s)**
After successful completion of this course, students should be able to
 - 9.1 understand an overview of the basic concept of human geography
 - 9.2 think critically about contemporary issues of spatial location.

10. Course Outline

Week	Topic	Hour			Instructor
		Lecture	Lab	Self-Study	
1	The basic concepts of human geography. Human life in relationship to geographical space. Maps	4	0	8	Dale Rorex
2	Population geography. Growth and distribution	4	0	8	
3	Economic geography (I); Patterns of livelihood	4	0	8	
4	Economic geography (II); Agricultural and industrial location	4	0	8	
5	Global disparities between rich and poor; the concept of 'development'	4	0	8	
6	Review; Midterm exam	4	0	8	
7	Human settlements; urbanization	4	0	8	
8	Transportation geography	4	0	8	
9	Regional cultural patterns; language and religion	4	0	8	
10	States, ethnicities, and global order	4	0	8	
11	The human impact on the environment	4	0	8	
12	Final exam	4	0	8	
	Total	48	0	96	

NB. The lecturer has the right to vary the topics as he/she see fit.

11. Teaching Method (s)

11.1 Lectures; questions and answers; classroom discussions.

12. Teaching Media

12.1 Notebook of lecture summaries

13. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement

Student achievement is measured and evaluated by

13.1 the ability to understand an overview of the basic concept of human geography

13.2 the ability to think critically about contemporary issues of spatial location.

Student's achievement will be graded according to the faculty and university standard using the symbols: A, B+, B, C+, C, D+, D, and F.

Students must have attended at least 80% of the total class hours of this course.

Ratio of mark to be determined by instructor

Grades given according to a fixed scale (Students receiving marks of 90% and above will receive letter grade A; those receiving less than 50% will fail, etc.

14. Course evaluation

- 14.1 Students' achievement as indicated in number 13 above.
- 14.2 Students' satisfaction toward teaching and learning of the course using questionnaires.

15. Reference (s)

- H. J. DeBlij. *Human Geography: Culture, Society, and Space*. 5th ed. New York: John Wiley, 1996.
- Arthur Getis, Judith Getis, and Jerome Fellmann. *Introduction to Geography*. Rev. ed. W.C. Brown, 1991.

16. Instructor (s)

Dr. Dale Rorex

17. Course Coordinator

Dr. Peter Smith