

Department .: Sociology

Course number : Soci 255W

Title : Population

Credits : 3

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Catalog Copy : Soci 255. Population. Either Semester. Three credits . Size, growth, composition and distribution of population; social factors in population change.

Soci 255W. Population. Prerequisite: Engl 110 or 111 or 250.

W Criteria:

The writing assignment will consist of one 15-20 page term paper in which the student will delve into a topic in the course in greater detail or choose a topic related to the course content that is not covered extensively. All paper topics will be approved by the instructor. The weight of the W portion of the class will be 50%. Students can only pass the class if they pass the writing portion of the class, and they will be informed of this in the course syllabus.

The writing instruction will consist of formal instruction to the class, written commentaries, and individual conferences. Formal instruction will take the form of short tutorials on writing as well as discussion of common mistakes. For each draft, students will receive written commentaries and marginal notes to improve the next draft. The first revision will also require an individual conference to go over and respond to these comments. Later conferences will be scheduled as needed.

Students will be required to write at least one draft of the paper. After receiving comments and having individual conferences, they will have the option of writing a second draft or, if they are satisfied that they understand what improvements are needed, they can write their final draft. A second conference will be scheduled to improve the second draft if needed.

Role of Grad Students : None