University of Illinois  
Department of Geography

**GEOG 104 Social and Cultural Geography**  
**Fall 2016**

**Lecture:**
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**Required Texts:** All Readings Posted On Compass Course Site

**Course Description:** This course introduces the scope and aims of human geography. What influences the location of human activity on the earth’s surface? How are environmental resources used and abused? Topics to be discussed include the geography of population, cultural regions and landscapes, the spread of innovations, the geography of economic activity, environmental perception and preference, urbanization, and the political organization of space.

**Grading:**
- Exam 1: 20 percent  
- Exam 2: 20 percent  
- Paper: 20 percent  
- Discussion Section: 20 percent  
- Final Exam: 20 percent

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**Week**  
**Course Outline**

I. & II. Themes and Fundamentals of Human Geography

III. Roots and Meaning of Culture (Reading: Wilson and Keil article)

IV. The Death of Public Space (Reading: Mitchell I article)

V. Population (Reading: Heilbroner article)

**Exam 1 – Thursday, September 22**

VI. Language and Religion (Reading: Tuan article)

VII. & VIII. Race and Ethnicity (Film: Race: the Power of An Illusion) (Reading: Mitchell II article)

IX. Political Organization (Film: Race: the Power of an Illusion)

X. Political Organization (Reading: Heilbroner and Thurow article)

**Exam 2 – Thursday, October 27**

XI. The Evolving City (Film: My Brooklyn) (Reading: Cope article)

XII. Inside the City

XIII. Contemporary Issue 1: Loss of Agricultural Land (Reading: Nelson article)

XIV. Contemporary Issue 2: Regimes of Policing in America (TBA)