

Syllabi

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Geography
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Four-year Undergraduate Programme

Subject: Geography

Semester: II

Course Name: Introduction to Human Geography
(Compulsory)

Course Level: Foundation & Introductory

100 Marks (Theory =80 Marks, Internal Assessment = 20 Marks)

Theory (4 Credits, 80 marks, 60 classes of one-hour duration)

Unit I:

Defining the field of human geography and its development: Meaning and scope; Place of man in the study of geography; Nature of human geography and its relation with other social sciences; Changing definitions and trend of development of human geography.

Unit II:

Concept of man-environment relationship in human geography: Determinism, Possibilism, Neo-determinism and Cultural Determinism.

Unit III:

Schools of human geography: Human Ecology, Landscape and Locational Analysis.

Unit IV:

Man and environment relationship: Changing man-environment relationship through ages; Impact of environment on man in different geographical conditions; Impact of man and its activities on environment in different parts of the world; Urbanization and environment in different global contexts.

Unit V:

Man and culture: Concept of ethnicity and race; Global patterns of the racial composition of the population and associated characteristics of major racial groups; Rural and urban environments and associated socio-economic practices.

Reading List

1. Johnston, R. et. al. (2008). The Dictionary of Human Geography, Blackwell Publication.
2. Jordan-Bychkov et al. (2006) The Human Mosaic: A Thematic Introduction to Cultural Geography. W. H. Freeman and Company, New York.
3. Hussain, Majid (2012). Human Geography. Rawat Publications, Jaipur.
4. Gregory, D. 1978. Ideology, Science and Human Geography, London, Hutchinson.
5. James, M.R. and Bacon, R.S. 1990. The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction

to Human Geography, Prentice Hall.

6. Leong, G.C. and Morgan, G.C. 1992. Human and Economic Geography, Oxford University Press.
7. Fellmann, J.D., Getis, A. and Getis, J. 1999. Human Geography: Landscapes of Human Activities, WCB McGraw-Hill.
8. Jones, E. 1972. Human Geography, Chatto and Windus, London.
9. Broek, J.O.M. and Webb, J.W., 1969. A Geography of Mankind, Taylor and Francis.

Course Objective:

- Students will be able to identify and describe the fundamental concepts, theories, and approaches of human geography.
- Students will be able to apply the skills of analysis and interpretation to a range of geographical phenomena.
- Students will be able to recognize the significance of human geography in addressing contemporary world issues and challenges.

Learning outcome:

- To understand the basic concepts, theories, and approaches of human geography.
- To develop the skills required to analyze and interpret geographical phenomena
- To appreciate the importance of human geography in understanding contemporary world issues and challenges.

Theory Credit : Four (4)

Practical Credit : Zero (0)

No. of Required Classes : 60

No. of Contact Classes : 40

No. of Non-Contact Classes : 20

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