People! Politics! Language! Religion! All of these terms are elements of Human Geography. What is Human Geography? It is the study of different cultures of the world and the different elements that make up these cultures. Human geography focuses on "people", where they are, what they are like, how they interact over space, and what kinds of cultural landscapes they erect upon the natural landscapes they occupy. Human societies are not passive. Interaction between the environment and humankind is reciprocal - the environment affects human life and cultures and humans alter and transform the environment.

Human geography helps us to understand the world we occupy and to appreciate the circumstances affecting peoples and countries other than our own. It clarifies the contrasts in societies and cultures in the human landscapes they have created in the different regions of the earth.

**Course Objectives:** The objective of this course is to leave the student with a basic understanding of geographic concepts and how they can be applied to populations’ world wide. The course seeks to introduce students to the scope and excitement of human geography while making clear the relevance of its content to their daily lives and roles as citizens of an increasingly interrelated world community.

**System Requirements:** This class can be "attended" from anywhere there is an Internet connection. All work, including exams is submitted electronically.

**Instructor**

Elizabeth Dudley-Murphy, Ph.D., Adjunct Associate Professor, Dept. of Geography

Phone: 801.277.7948 / 801.585.5982

3 semester credit hours

**General Education Status**

Fulfills a core requirement for a major or minor degree in Geography and Social Behavioral Science