

Population and Societies

ENVS221

This module provides a general introduction to the field of population geography, in which a basic demographic understanding of population change is placed within a spatial framework, allowing exploration of the nature and causes of national, societal and cultural differences in these changes.

Upon successful completion of this module you will be able to:

- Understand and explain the main societal and cultural determinants of a wide range of demographic and other events, including being born; leaving home; moving home; partnering; having sex; having children; experiencing well-being, falling ill and dying.
- Describe and account for how these events lead to spatial and temporal variations in population growth rates and structures
- Critically examine the relevance of the demographic and epidemiological (health) transitions to developing countries.
- Critically assess future global population prospects

Module material will be delivered via a mixture of lectures, interactive workshops and guided reading. All module materials will be made available via the University's Virtual Learning Environment, including links to electronic copies of all key readings. Student understanding of module material will be checked via interactive mid-lecture Q&A sessions, end-of-class 'post-it note' feedback, interactive workshops, and appropriate formative feedback provided. A summative mid-Semester essay will also provide interim feedback on student progress.

The module is assessed by a mid-Semester essay (33%) and an end of semester exam (67%).

