

**Selected Topics: Mapping the Census**

GEOG 16250, Robinson 311

Fridays, 9:30-12:15

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**Course Objectives:** This selected topics course addresses the purpose, use, interpretation, and controversy of the US Census. We will engage in a series of activities, which will largely depend on the interests and participation of the class members.

**Attendance:** Your presence and active participation in class is absolutely to your success. Lessons are cumulative, depend on in-class activities, and material will not be repeated. Attendance and active participation constitute 70% of your grade, or approximately 5% per week.

**Assignments:** This course will involve assignments based on activities in class.

**Materials:** This course will utilize geospatial analytical software, statistical software, web browser, and presentation tools, available on university lab computers and through Rowan Cloud (<http://www.rowan.edu/cloud>)

There is no single textbook for this course. Reading assignments may accompany individual lessons and will be announced and posted on Blackboard and/or in class.

The course will be supplemented by a class Blackboard page, available through <http://blackboard.rowan.edu>. We will use it for submitting assignments and keeping up with the progress of the course. Assignments, including syllabus changes, readings, and other linked materials, will also be posted to Blackboard.

**Technology:** this is a course will make extensive use of the lab computers and other equipment during the course activities. Please refrain from the use of any cell phones, tablets, music players, or other devices during the course unless otherwise pertinent to the activity at hand. Laptop computers may be permitted during certain activities; however, it is strongly recommended to use paper for attentive note-taking.

**Special needs and other considerations:** Your academic success is important. If you have a documented disability that may have an impact on your work in this class, please contact me. Students must provide documentation of their disability to the Academic Success Center in order to receive official University services and accommodations. The Academic Success Center can be reached at 856-256-4234. The Center is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Savitz Hall. The staff is able to answer your questions regarding accommodations or assist you in the pursuit of accommodations.

**Communication:** If you have any concerns, problems, or other ideas about the course or related topics, please email me, talk to me before or after class, stop by my office hours, or arrange an appointment. This rapidly-changing topic and the associated methods and perspectives are enhanced by your knowledge, experience, and curiosity. I am happy to discuss possibilities for additional projects, future employment, or continuing educational opportunities.

**Course Schedule:** The schedule will evolve based on the progress of course topics and activities, with several activities during the semester culminating in a final project. Deadlines and preparation expectations will be clearly communicated.