Population Institute for Research and Training

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Ph.D. Minor in Population Studies

The minor in population studies requires 12 credit hours of approved courses, which must include two
core courses. The core curriculum consists of an overview of issues in population studies (G590) and a
basic course in demographic methods (G591). The director of the Population Institute for Research and
Training serves as chairperson of the minor field and certifies completion of the minor for students who
have (1) completed the required courses in good standing and (2) passed an examination given at the
discretion of the director and the program faculty.
Courses

G590 Population Analysis: Concepts, Issues, Problems (3 cr.) P: graduate status or approval of instructor. Theoretical issues, empirical questions on social determinants and consequences of biological events like birth and death. Age structure, marriage and household formation, gender, migration, quality of data, population policy in developing countries and advanced industrial societies. Contemporary and historical sources.


G592 Topics in Population Research (3 cr.) P: G590 and G591 or approval of instructor. Seminar-level course emphasizing class presentations, reviews of advanced literature, and the writing of research papers. Subject areas will include fertility, mortality, migration, economic demographic interrelations, mathematical demography, dynamics of small populations, and population projections.

G593 International Perspectives on Population Problems (3 cr.) International trends in population growth, characteristics, and structure with attention to major social, environmental, economic, and political implications. Comparisons between industrially advanced economies and less developed countries in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Special emphasis will be placed on local and national circumstances affecting fertility, mortality, migration, and emerging roles of population policies in development planning.

Cross-Listed Courses

Anthropology
E600 Seminar in Cultural and Social Anthropology (3 cr.)

Economics
E592 Economic Development of Less-Developed Countries (3 cr.)

Geography
G803 Seminar in Economic Geography (3 cr.)
G812 Seminar in Population Geography (3 cr.)

Sociology
S660 Advanced Topics (2-6 cr.)