

# Demography 145/History 139B

## Section Syllabus

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**Sections:** Wednesday 2-3p and Thursday 4-5p (2232 Piedmont)  
**Office Hours:** Friday 2-3p and by appointment (2232 Piedmont)

### Section Description

This section is your opportunity to ask questions about the readings, get help with assignments, and clarify points that you might have found confusing during lectures. Particular attention will be paid to addressing issues that might arise as you work on your labs.

Sections will be held on Wednesdays from 2p to 3p, and on Thursdays from 4p to 5p in the Demography Department (2232 Piedmont) conference room. Wednesday and Thursday sections for any given week will cover identical topics, and so it will be up to you to decide whether to attend one or both. Please note that sections will not meet every week, but that they have been scheduled to fall on those weeks leading up to all major deadlines and exams:

<b>Section Schedule</b>		
01/25 @ 2-3p 01/26 @ 4-5p <b>LAB 0 DUE (01/27)</b>	03/07 @ 2-3p 03/08 @ 4-5p 03/14 @ 2-3p 03/15 @ 4-5p <b>LAB 2 DUE (03/16)</b>	04/18 @ 2-3p 04/19 @ 4-5p 04/25 @ 2-3p 04/25 @ 4-5p <b>LAB 3 DUE (04/27)</b>
02/08 @ 2-3p 02/09 @ 4-5p 02/15 @ 2-3p 02/16 @ 4-5p <b>LAB 1 DUE (02/17)</b>	04/04 @ 2-3p 04/05 @ 4-5p <b>EXAM (04/06)</b>	Final Review 1 (TBA) Final Review 2 (TBA) <b>FINAL (05/09)</b>
<b>EXAM (02/22)</b>		

## Section Expectations

As your GSI, I promise to:

- do my best to help you learn the course material.
- respect your voice and time.
- answer course-related questions promptly and accurately.
- serve as a technical resource for course-related computing.

In return, I ask that you make the most of our time together by raising questions and actively (and respectfully) engaging with me (your GSI) as well as your peers. Section is for your benefit. Love it; own it; and it will become a great resource for you as you tackle the course material.

## E-Mail and Office Hours

I can be reached via e-mail at: [pchung@demog.berkeley.edu](mailto:pchung@demog.berkeley.edu). While I'll do my very best to reply quickly, sometimes my own work schedule will prevent me from getting to your e-mails as promptly as I'd like. As a precaution against getting caught without an e-mail reply (especially at crucial moments), please allow your poor GSI up to a week to respond.

If the uncertainty of e-mail unnerves you, come see me during my open office hours! On Fridays, from 2p to 3p, you will find me inhabiting a circular table in the basement of the Demography Department (2232 Piedmont). Pull up a chair and tell me your sorrows.

Alternatively, I am available by appointment. Please just send me an e-mail request with a list of times that would work for you. The earlier you make your request the easier it'll be for me to accommodate your schedule.

## Academic Integrity:

Please don't cheat. If I become aware of any suspicious activity, I will bring it to the attention of Professor Mason, and much sadness will ensue (for all involved). If you are unsure about what constitutes cheating, please peruse the University guidelines governing academic integrity (see: <http://campuslife.berkeley.edu/conduct/integrity>). If, after that, you are still uncertain please come and talk to me or the Professor.

## **Special Accommodations:**

If you have been issued a letter of accommodation from the Disabled Students' Program, please see me as soon as possible to work out the necessary arrangements. If you need an accommodation and have not yet seen a Disability Specialist at the Disabled Students' Program, please do so as soon as possible.

More information can be found at the Disabled Students' Program website:

**<http://dsp.berkeley.edu/>**

Or call the DSP office directly at: **(510) 642-6376**.

## **A Word on Gadgetry**

Having laptops, tablets, cell phones, etc. for note-taking during section is fine, but please make sure that they don't make noises, flash lights, or otherwise disrupt the learning environment. Owners of disruptive devices will be asked to turn those devices off and stash them away. Repeat offenders will be pilloried.

## **The Most Important Place in Cyberspace**

As students of 145/139B, you will find Professor Mason's course website to be absolutely essential:

**<http://www.demog.berkeley.edu/145/>**

Bookmark it, set it as your homepage, do whatever it takes to make it an easily accessible reference. All that is good (e.g. lab manuals, data, due dates) lives there.