

Geography 148: California

Spring 2018 Course Calendar

Date	Week	Guiding Question	Lecture	Readings	Tasks
4/3	1 - Course Introduction	Why is CA called “the great exception”?	Introduction to Course and to Geography	* Chapter 9	
4/5		What can we see with “geographic lenses”?	Introduction to California: Salton Sea Case Study	~ McWilliams, C. (1949)	Start Assignment 1
4/10	2 - Land and People	What is “native” to CA?	Native California	* Chapter 1	Quiz 1 in lecture
4/12		How is settlement shaped by the landscape?	Frontiers and Borderlands	~ Dear, M. (2014)	Assignment 1 due online
4/17	3 - Politics, Governance, and Power	What power dynamics are at play across CA?	A Carceral State	~ Davis, M. (1995)	Start Assignment 2
4/19		How have CA’s funding and governance evolved?	Making Collective Decisions	* Chapter 2	Quiz 2 online
4/24	4 - Economy and Industry	What are some global impacts of CA’s innovations?	Innovative Industries	* Chapter 3	Assignment 2 due online
4/26		How much of the food it produces does CA eat?	Agribusiness	~ Holmes, T. (2013)	
5/1	5 - Urban Areas			* Chapter 4	Midterm Exam in lecture
5/3		What distinguishes northern and southern CA’s metro areas?	A Tale of Two Cities	~ Starr, K. (2004)	

5/8	6 - Water and Energy	Is CA running out of water?	Droughts and Alternative Energies	* Chapter 5	Start Assignment 3
5/10		How can Californians get energy?	Disasters and Social Fallout, Part I	~ Gandy, M. (2006)	Quiz 3 in lecture
5/15	7 - Environment	What is the relationship between wildfires and development in CA?	Guest Lecture - Samuel Prentice, Hydrologist at U.S. Forest Service	* Chapter 6 ~ North et al. (2015)	Assignment 3 due online
5/17		How has nature been controlled in CA?	Disasters and Social Fallout, Part II	~ Boyle, T.C. (2018)	
5/22	8 - Health and Education	How can stories be “spatialized”?	Guest Lecture - Jon Jablonski, Introducing ArcGIS Story Maps	* Chapter 7	Start Assignment 4
5/24		How does geography predict the well-being of Californians?	Zip Codes and Genetic Codes	~ Pulido, L. (2015)	Quiz 4 online
5/29	9 - Inequality and Social Divides	What is ailing CA’s cities and suburbs?	Suburban Cosmopolitanism	* Chapter 8 ~ Garreau, J. (2011)	Assignment 4 due online
5/31		Is inequality growing or shrinking in CA?	Uneven Development	~ Rojas, J. (2003)	Bonus assignment online
6/5	10 - Course Conclusion	Is CA an “island on the land” in a globalized world?	State Elections and Future Prospects	State primary elections - vote!	
6/7		What have we observed with our “geographic lenses”?	Final Project presentations in lecture	Review student presentations online	Final Project due online (6/8)

* **Atlas of California (Walker, 2013)**

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