

DEMOGRAPHY MINOR

Brooks School of Public Policy

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Program Description

The Cornell Population Center (CPC) manages a cross-college, interdepartmental minor in Demography for all Cornell undergraduates. This minor offers a rigorous course of study focused on population-related topics and approaches, providing students with a broad understanding of global population dynamics and analytical tools for demographic data.

In today's rapidly changing society, a strong grasp of population dynamics is invaluable for interpreting social and economic phenomena that impact our lives and societies. Demography, an interdisciplinary field, delves into human population dynamics, encompassing population size, structure, geographic distribution, and changes over time due to births, deaths, migration, and aging.

Demography provides vital information on consumer markets, labor markets, the electorate, and social service recipients. This expertise benefits undergraduates interested in careers in public policy, business, NGOs, and various fields such as sociology, economics, public health, environmental sciences, and area studies.

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Cornell Population Center (CPC) Affiliates

To meet the dedicated faculty and graduate students at Cornell who are passionate about studying population research and developing demographic knowledge and skills, please visit Cornell Population Center Affiliates (<https://publicpolicy.cornell.edu/cpc/about/our-affiliates/>).

Minor Requirements

Please note that, for the minor, students are required to take at least two courses outside their major department. Additionally, they must successfully complete a total of five courses, with each course requiring a grade of B- or better to count toward the minor.

Code	Title	Hours
Demographic Introductory Course		
Select one of the following:		3
GDEV 2010	Population and Social Change	
PUBPOL 2030	Population and Public Policy	
Statistics Course		
Select one of the following:		3
AEM 2100	Introductory Statistics	
ILRST 2100	Introductory Statistics and Data Science	
PUBPOL 2100	Introduction to Statistics	
PUBPOL 2101	Statistics for Public Policy	
SOC 3010	Statistics for Sociological Research	
Demographic Overview Course		
Select one of the following:		3
AMST 2070	Social Problems in the United States	
AMST 3800	Migration: Histories, Controversies, and Perspectives	

CRP 5250	Methods for Spatial Economic and Demographic Analysis
GDEV 2130	Introduction to Social Science Research Methods
GDEV 3140	Mapping Our Worlds: Cartography and Analysis in GIS
GDEV 3280	Fundamentals of Population Health
GDEV 4080	Demographic Techniques
ILRGL 3047	
PUBPOL 3180	Health Disparities
PUBPOL 3230	Public Policy for an Aging Society
PUBPOL 3250	Neighborhoods, Housing, and Urban Policy
PUBPOL 3360	Evolving Families: Challenges to Public Policy
PUBPOL 3620	Population Controversies in Europe
SOC 2310	Sociology of Sexualities
SOC 3030	Research Design and Methods of Social Research
Additional Population Courses	
Select two of the following: (or additional Demographic Overview courses)	
AMST 2710	US Education System: Courts, Data, Law and Politics
AMST 3800	Migration: Histories, Controversies, and Perspectives
COMM 3250	Vamos Pa'l Norte: U.S. Migration and Communication
COMM 4760	Population Health Communication
CRP 3430	Affordable Housing Policy and Programs
CRP 3840	Green Cities
CRP 3900	City and Regional Futures: Planning Practice, Policy and Design
CRP 4080	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
CRP 4680	Introduction to Urban Data Science: Data, Interpretation, and Presentation
ECON 3480	Race and the American Labor Market in Historical Perspective
ECON 3710	The Economics of Risky Health Behaviors
ECON 3711	The Economics and Regulation of Risky Health Behaviors
ECON 3760	Economics of Education
GDEV 2130	Introduction to Social Science Research Methods
GDEV 3060	Farmworkers: Contemporary Issues and Their Implications
GDEV 3390	Modeling People and the Environment
GDEV 3700	Comparative Social Inequalities
GDEV 4080	Demographic Techniques
GDEV 4770	Seminar on Issues in African Development
PUBPOL 2050	Critical Perspectives in Global Health and Policy
PUBPOL 2208	Social Inequality
PUBPOL 2370	Race, Racism, and Public Policy
PUBPOL 3050	Refugee Pathways and Resettlement Policy
PUBPOL 3120	
PUBPOL 3151	Gender Inequality and Global Policy
PUBPOL 3230	Public Policy for an Aging Society
PUBPOL 4160	The Ethnography of Poverty and Inequality

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SOC 2250	Schooling and Society	
SOC 3380	Urban Inequality	
SOC 3580	Big Data on the Social World	
Total Hours		15