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Demographic issues and challenges in the 21st century

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Teacher(s)	Bocquier Philippe ;Schnor Christine ;				
Language :	French				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Main themes	Each year, this course is structured around the study of eight to ten topics relating to major issues in contemporary Sociodemographics. These issues relate as much to socio-demographic developments and progress in health, as to their causes and economic, social, political and environmental consequences.				
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :				
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Evaluation methods	Throughout the quadrimester: 20% tests in class.				
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	Evaluation criterion: the correct answer must be selected.				
	Once during the quadrimester: 10% individual exercise.				
	The student writes on the Moodle "workshop" tool a structured answer to an open-ended exam-type question. The answer is structured in 4 parts: definition of concepts; establishment of facts; answer to the question; discussion of consequences/challenges.				
	Evaluation criteria: completion of each part according to the instructions given by the teachers.				
	Once during the course: 5% individual exercise.				
	The student receives via Moodle the answers to the previous exercise from 2 classmates and has to evaluate them double-blind.				
	Evaluation criteria: having completed each part of the evaluation of the text according to the criteria given by the teachers.				
	At the end of the course: 65% written exam.				
	6 short questions (MCQ type) on two graphs or tables marked out of 20 points				
	1 short open question marked out of 10 points				
	1 long open question requiring a structured answer marked out of 35 points				
	Evaluation criteria: see learning outcomes.				
Teaching methods	Lectures with interactive elements and tests (Moodle and QR codes) in the classroom				
· ·	Weekly homework assignments (text to read, video to watch)				
	A collective exercise will be organized in mid-November				
	The material is put on Moodle after the session.				
	A syllabus is available from DUC (printed version) and Moodle (digital version).				
Content	This course offers a broad panorama of the major socio-demographic challenges that the various regions of the world, both North and South, will face in the 21st century. The questions addressed cover both socio-demographic and health trends, as well as their economic, social, political and environmental causes and consequences. The course intends to give students a certain critical distance from public debates on socio-demographic phenomena.				
	The course is structured around eight to ten themes relating to major contemporary socio-demographic issues. Among the themes covered are:				
	The demographic transition in different regions of the world				
	Social demography: its place in the human sciences and in the major societal debates.				
	The peopling of the planet and the diversity of demographic dynamics in the world.				
	The aging of the world: trends, causes and consequences.				
	Accelerated urbanization in the countries of the South.				
	Causes and consequences of international migration.				
	Health, social and gender inequalities.				

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	Geography and demography of AIDS and other communicable diseases. Households, families and societies. Population policies.
Inline resources	Materials : provision of references, presentations and other course materials on MoodleUCL.
Bibliography	Bibliographie mise à disposition à chaque séance en fonction du thème abordée. Un syllabus est disponible à la DUC (version imprimée) et Moodle (version digitale).
Other infos	Course entry requirements: This course does not require any specific statistical or demographic training. COVID-19: In yellow code, the auditorium is large enough to accommodate all the students in person. However, if the number of students is larger than expected or if the orange code is applied, then the teaching will switch to a comodal format (half of the cohort in the classroom, the other half in distance learning, alternately from one week to the next). Regardless of the teaching mode, the evaluation mode remains the same. Classroom exercises are adapted to sanitation rules.
Faculty or entity in charge	ESPO

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes		
Minor in Political Sciences	MINSPOL	5		٩		
Minor : Issues of Transition and Sustainable Development	MINDD	5		٩		
Additionnal module in Geography	APPGEOG	5		٩		
Minor in Population and Development Studies	MINSPED	5		٩		