

Doing Geography
Section #3 Budikova Syllabus Addendum
Geography 204 – Fall 2015
Illinois State University

Course Days and Time:	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:00 pm – 1:50 pm
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SECTION PURPOSE AND GOALS: This section of the course will introduce you to some cartographic concepts and choropleth mapping. You will learn how to make a choropleth map including the introduction to classification methods such as equal interval, quantile, and natural breaks.

TEXTBOOK AND READINGS: No texts are required, but readings will be assigned on ReggieNet through Course Readings. The reading is titled “Reading ChoroplethMapping.pdf” which is the second chapter in the following book:

McGrew, J. C. (Jr.) and Monroe, C. B. 2000. *An Introduction to Statistical Problem Solving in Geography*. Second Edition. McGraw Hill. 254 pp.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE (DEVICE POLICY): During lecture time, and demo/lecture time in the lab, we follow a no-device policy. That means no laptops, tablets, cell phones, smart phones, etc.

GRADES FOR THIS SECTION: Your grade for this section is worth **10%** of the course grade. I have broken that down into **100** points as detailed below.

- Choropleth mapping assignment: **90 points**
- Class participation: **10 points** (Discussion with guest speaker on Friday, October 2)
- Extra Credit Opportunity: Attending Ridgley Lecture (Thursday, October 1 at 4 pm in Old Main, BSC): **5 points**

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: Academic integrity is expected in all classroom endeavors. It is required of you, the student, and the instructor. Students are expected to be honest in their work, and placing his or her name on an academic exercise shall be regarded as assurance that the work is the result of the student’s own thought, effort, and study. Students who have questions regarding academic integrity should refer to the Code of Student Conduct, B1 (Academic Integrity), which outlines unacceptable behaviors in such matters (<http://deanofstudents.illinoisstate.edu/students/get-help/crr/code-of-conduct.shtml>). In circumstances where cheating or plagiarism occurs, we may be required to refer a student(s) to Community Rights & Responsibilities for a violation of ISU’s Code of Conduct. If you are uncertain about whether or not something is plagiarism or academically dishonest, please contact your professor. Penalties regarding academic dishonesty may include a required revision, a zero on that assignment/test, or a lowered grade for the course.