



SYLLABUS

GEOG 5300: Geography of Transportation

Autumn 2023 – TR 12:45 - 2:05pm Hitchcock Hall 035

3 credit hours

Computer/tablet are required.

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COURSE OVERVIEW

Instructor and TAs

Instructor: Dr. Huyen Le

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Office hours: 10-11 WR at Derby 1155

We also hold office hours upon request. To request an appointment outside of the above times, please email both of us with your availability up to a week ahead.

Prerequisites

None.

Course description

This course examines the spatial and system-wide aspects of transportation in the U.S. and internationally. It covers transportation methods at the introductory level and emphasizes the applications and critical views of the transportation system.

Course learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Summarize key theories underlying the spatial organization and operations of transportation systems.
- Analyze interconnections within and between social, environmental, and transportation systems.
- Interpret patterns in transportation systems.
- Apply concepts and methods to solve real-world problems in transportation.
- Identify strengths and weaknesses of theories and methods.
- Identify consequences of development processes and affected parties.
- Recognize and value differences in interests of stakeholders.

- Evaluate the outcomes and performance of a transportation system.

HOW THIS COURSE WORKS

Mode of delivery: This class includes in-person lectures, discussions, and reviews. All slides and reading materials will be uploaded on Carmen Canvas.

Credit hours and work expectations: This is a **3-credit-hour course**. According to Ohio State policy (go.osu.edu/credithours), students should expect around 3 hours per week of time spent on direct instruction (instructor content, group activities, for example) in addition to 6 hours of homework (reading and assignment preparation, for example) to receive a grade of (C) average.

Communications with the instructor and TAs outside of classroom: *Questions related to class materials and assignments should be posted on Carmen discussion board.* We will check these posts once per school day. We encourage you to help your classmates out if you know the answers, but make sure you are not violating the code of student conduct (e.g., do not upload your assignment or show them the exact answer to complete their assignments).

Other questions can be directed to the instructors via email or office hours (always include both TA and the instructor in your emails, in case one of us is unavailable). ***Make sure that you put “Geog 5300” in the subject line, in addition to the topic/issue that you want to discuss.***

COURSE MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGIES

Textbooks

There are no required textbooks for this class. Assigned readings, including book chapters, research articles, and technical reports, will be posted on Carmen Canvas.

Course technology

Technology support

For help with your password, university email, Carmen, or any other technology issues, questions, or requests, contact the Ohio State IT Service Desk. Standard support hours are available at ocio.osu.edu/help/hours, and support for urgent issues is available 24/7.

- **Self-Service and Chat support:** ocio.osu.edu/help
- **Phone:** 614-688-4357(HELP)
- **Email:** servicedesk@osu.edu
- **TDD:** 614-688-8743

Technology skills needed for this course

- Basic computer and web-browsing skills
- Navigating Carmen (go.osu.edu/canvasstudent)
- Buckeye Box cloud storage (<https://box.osu.edu/>)

- Recording a slide presentation with audio narration (go.osu.edu/video-assignment-guide)
- Recording, editing, and uploading video (go.osu.edu/video-assignment-guide)

Required equipment

- Computer/tablet: current Mac (Mac OS) or PC (Windows 10) with high-speed internet connection for in-class sessions (note taking and group activities) and homework. If you choose to use a tablet or iPad, you may need an external keyboard.
- Webcam (for Zoom office hours): built-in or external webcam, fully installed and tested
- Microphone (for Zoom office hours): built-in laptop or tablet mic or external microphone
- Other: a mobile device (smartphone or tablet) to use for BuckeyePass authentication

Required software

- Microsoft Office 365: All Ohio State students are now eligible for free Microsoft Office 365. Full instructions for downloading and installation can be found at go.osu.edu/office365help.

Carmen access

You will need to use BuckeyePass (buckeyepass.osu.edu) multi-factor authentication to access your courses in Carmen. To ensure that you are able to connect to Carmen at all times, it is recommended that you take the following steps:

- Register multiple devices in case something happens to your primary device. Visit the BuckeyePass - Adding a Device help article for step-by-step instructions (go.osu.edu/add-device).
- Request passcodes to keep as a backup authentication option. When you see the Duo login screen on your computer, click **Enter a Passcode** and then click the **Text me new codes** button that appears. This will text you ten passcodes good for 365 days that can each be used once.
- Download the Duo Mobile application (go.osu.edu/install-duo) to all of your registered devices for the ability to generate one-time codes in the event that you lose cell, data, or Wi-Fi service

If none of these options will meet the needs of your situation, you can contact the IT Service Desk at 614-688-4357(HELP) and IT support staff will work out a solution with you.

GRADING AND FEEDBACK

How your grade is calculated

All assignments outside of class time will be submitted through Carmen Canvas by 11:59 PM on the due date (always a Friday) to be considered on time.

CATEGORY	POINTS	DUE DATES
Self-introduction	1	Original post: 8/25 Comments to peers: 9/1
Class participation	15	N/A

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Assignment 1	16	Check canvas
Assignment 2	16	Check canvas
Assignment 3	16	Check canvas
Assignment 4	16	Check canvas
Final paper - reflection	20	12/8
Total	100	

Descriptions of major course assignments

Description: In each assignment, you will create a short memo for transportation practitioners to support them in the decision making process. You will use the knowledge, theories, and methods that you learned in this class to explain and address problems in the real world.

Academic integrity and collaboration: This is an individual assignment. You may discuss the assignments and approaches to solve the problems with your classmates, however, you may not share your written papers with them or provide them with direct answers. Using ChatGPT to draft any part of your papers is considered plagiarism. See also: *Religious accommodation*

It is Ohio State's policy to reasonably accommodate the sincerely held religious beliefs and practices of all students. The policy permits a student to be absent for up to three days each academic semester for reasons of faith or religious or spiritual belief.

Students planning to use religious beliefs or practices accommodations for course requirements must inform the instructor in writing no later than 14 days after the course begins. The instructor is then responsible for scheduling an alternative time and date for the course requirement, which may be before or after the original time and date of the course requirement. These alternative accommodations will remain confidential. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all course assignments are completed.

Weather or other short-term closing

Should in-person classes be canceled, we will meet virtually via CarmenZoom during our regularly scheduled time. I will share any updates via Carmen Canvas announcement. Bby default, you will receive an email notification when I post a Canvas announcement; make sure you did not turn off this notification function.

Academic integrity policy.

Details about each assignment, including guidelines and rubric, will be made available on Carmen Canvas.

To reduce any potential biases in grading, we will anonymously grade your assignments and final paper by omitting your displayed name on Carmen Canvas. Once the grading is done, your name will be retrieved. For this,

we ask that you do not put your name on your submission. If you prefer to put your name, do so on the very last page, separate from the main essay. *This policy does not apply to in-class submissions.*

Late submissions

By default, late submissions of discussion posts/responses, quizzes, assignments, and final paper are subject to 5% grade reduction for each late day. **We will NOT accept submissions that are more than 10 days late, unless you have permission from the instructor before or on the due date.** Late submission is always better than no submission.

You have one opportunity to extend your deadline for one day during the semester (indicate it in your submission to get full credit). This extension will be applied to an assignment of your choice, including the final paper. No permission is required; you will indicate in your submission that you are using the one-day extension. We suggest that you use this opportunity wisely and reserve it for the end of the semester when the workload is unusually high.

In case of personal and family emergencies, please notify the instructor as soon as possible so that we can work out a new submission time. Such extensions will be granted on a case-by-case basis. If you fail to notify the instructor by 5 days after the deadline, your excuses will not be accepted and all blanket policies in this class will apply.

Excused absence

If you have an excused absence, contact the instructor and 2 TAs (all in one email) before class with the excuse and supporting documents if applicable.

Grading scale

A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	E
≥93%	90-92%	87-89%	83-86%	80-82%	77-79%	73-76%	70-72%	67-69%	60-66%	<60%

For students who take this course to fulfill the requirements for their majors, a C- is a minimum passing grade.

Feedback and response time

We are providing the following list to give you an idea of our intended availability throughout the course. (Remember that you can call **614-688-4357(HELP)** at any time if you have a technical problem).

- **Grading and feedback:** For large assignments, you can generally expect feedback within **10 school days**, unless emergencies occur to one of the instructors.
- **Email:** Collectively, we will reply to emails within **2 school days (excluding weekends and holidays) when class is in session at the university.**
- **Discussion board:** We will check and reply to messages in the discussion boards every **36 hours on school days.**

OTHER COURSE POLICIES

Health and safety requirements

All students, faculty and staff are required to comply with and stay up to date on all university safety and health guidance (<https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu>). Non-compliance will be warned first and disciplinary actions will be taken for repeated offenses.

Religious accommodation

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Academic integrity policy

See **Descriptions of major course assignments**, above, for my specific guidelines about collaboration and academic integrity in the context of this online class.

Ohio State's academic integrity policy

Academic integrity is essential to maintaining an environment that fosters excellence in teaching, research, and other educational and scholarly activities. Thus, The Ohio State University and the Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM) expect that all students have read and understand the university's *Code of Student Conduct* (studentconduct.osu.edu), and that all students will complete all academic and scholarly assignments with fairness and honesty. Students must recognize that failure to follow the rules and guidelines established in the university's *Code of Student Conduct* and this syllabus may constitute "Academic Misconduct."

The Ohio State University's *Code of Student Conduct* (Section 3335-23-04) defines academic misconduct as: "Any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the university or subvert the educational process." Examples of academic misconduct include (but are not limited to) plagiarism, collusion (unauthorized collaboration), copying the work of another student, and possession of unauthorized materials during an examination. Ignorance of the university's *Code of Student Conduct* is never considered an excuse for academic misconduct, so we recommend that you review the *Code of Student Conduct* and, specifically, the sections dealing with academic misconduct.

You may not use ChatGPT to write papers in this class.

If we suspect that a student has committed academic misconduct in this course, we are obligated by university rules to report my suspicions to the Committee on Academic Misconduct. If COAM determines that you have violated the university's *Code of Student Conduct* (i.e., committed academic misconduct), the sanctions for the misconduct could include a failing grade in this course and suspension or dismissal from the university.

If you have any questions about the above policy or what constitutes academic misconduct in this course, please contact me.

Other sources of information on academic misconduct (integrity) to which you can refer include:

- Committee on Academic Misconduct web page (go.osu.edu/coam)
- Ten Suggestions for Preserving Academic Integrity (go.osu.edu/ten-suggestions)
- Eight Cardinal Rules of Academic Integrity (go.osu.edu/cardinal-rules)

Copyright for instructional materials

The materials used in connection with this course may be subject to copyright protection and are only for the use of students officially enrolled in the course for the educational purposes associated with the course. Copyright law must be considered before copying, retaining, or disseminating materials outside of the course.

Statement on Title IX

All students and employees at Ohio State have the right to work and learn in an environment free from harassment and discrimination based on sex or gender, and the university can arrange interim measures, provide support resources, and explain investigation options, including referral to confidential resources.

If you or someone you know has been harassed or discriminated against based on your sex or gender, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, or sexual exploitation, you may find information about your rights and options at titleix.osu.edu or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleix@osu.edu. Title IX is part of the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) at Ohio State, which responds to all bias-motivated incidents of harassment and discrimination, such as race, religion, national origin and disability. For more information on OIE, visit equity.osu.edu or email equity@osu.edu.

Commitment to a diverse and inclusive learning environment

The Ohio State University affirms the importance and value of diversity in the student body. Our programs and curricula reflect our multicultural society and global economy and seek to provide opportunities for students to learn more about persons who are different from them. We are committed to maintaining a community that recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among each member of our community; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential. Discrimination against any individual based upon protected status, which is defined as age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status, is prohibited.

Your mental health

As a student you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduce a student's ability to participate in daily activities. No matter where you are engaged in distance learning, The Ohio State University's Student Life Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) is here to support you. If you find yourself feeling isolated, anxious or overwhelmed, on-demand resources are available at go.osu.edu/ccsondemand. You can reach an on-call counselor when CCS is closed at 614- 292-5766, and 24-hour emergency help is also available through the 24/7 National Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-TALK or at suicidepreventionlifeline.org. The Ohio State Wellness app is also a great resource available at go.osu.edu/wellnessapp.

ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Requesting accommodations

The university strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. In light of the current pandemic, students seeking to request COVID-related accommodations may do so through the university's [request process](#), managed by Student Life Disability Services. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including mental health, chronic, or temporary medical conditions), please let us know immediately so that we can privately discuss options. To establish reasonable accommodations, we may request that you register with Student Life Disability Services. After registration, make arrangements with us as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion. SLDS contact information: slds@osu.edu; 614-292-3307; slds.osu.edu; 098 Baker Hall, 113 W. 12th Avenue.

Accessibility of course technology

This online course requires use of CarmenCanvas (Ohio State's learning management system) and other online communication and multimedia tools. If you need additional services to use these technologies, please request accommodations with your instructor.

- Canvas accessibility (go.osu.edu/canvas-accessibility)
- Collaborative course tools

COURSE SCHEDULE

Refer to this document for an updated schedule:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zS95VJLG3WMIlzCw1WlibRzxnkzSVi4MPPrFTW8Qf-l/edit>