

Unit #	Unit Title	Learning Goals
Section 1: History and Politics of the Census		
1	Class logistics, introductions Introduction to the US Census	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census in the US constitution • Overview of US federal statistical platform • Major uses of census data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Congressional Apportionment ○ Electoral Votes (# of people per electoral vote) ○ Redistricting ○ Distribution of Federal funds
2	What information does the Census Bureau collect and why?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain changes over time in the information collected by the census, and how those changes relate to historical events and policy debates in the United States. • Knowledge of the different censuses, surveys collected by Census Bureau
3	Role of censuses in constructing “race”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the census reflected and/or participated in racial formation in the United States? • Lessons from abroad
4	Recent debates and concerns about the Census	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undercounting • Citizenship question debate • Privacy Concerns
Section 2: Impacts of Demographic Change on Politics/Policy		
5	Population ageing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trends • Impact on Voting/Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Analyze CPS data on voting and registration by age • Policy implications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Labor force ○ Social Securing and Medicare ○ Security and Military Power
6	Changes in racial composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Majority minority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How definitions of race impact public reactions • Voter Demographics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Analyze CPS data on voting and registration by race/ethnicity ○ Is demography destiny?
7	Immigration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration patterns and policies • New migrant destinations in US • Political impacts of immigration
8	Population gains/loss and Internal Migration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urbanization trends • Rural population declines and implications for service provision • Implications for Congressional Apportionment

Section 3: Political Struggles/Reactions over Demographic Developments		
9	Gerrymandering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition and History • Strategies • Redistricting criteria and reform • Cases in front of Supreme Court
10	Felony disenfranchisement and expansion of penal state	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of state disenfranchisement • Who is disenfranchised? Racial disparities • Political and social impacts • Policy reforms in recent years • International comparisons
11	Gov. and Party responsiveness to demands of older population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youthful minority vs graying white population • Gov. spending on programs for elderly vs on children
12-13	<p>Changing demography with public policy</p> <p>“Public policy has profound effects on demographic behavior”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on policies or lack thereof that have led to a reduction in fertility rates in US and other developed countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gender equality policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Women’s labor force participation ▪ Lack of parental leave, or affordable childcare • China’s one child policy
14	Report Presentations	