

COURSE SYLLABUS

<ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY.

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Required Text: Stutz, F. and B. Warf. 2012. *The World Economy: Geography, Business, Development* (6th edition). New Jersey: Pearson Prentice Hall.

Course Description:

Economic Geography is the study of the arrangements, organization, and interrelationships of and between economic and non-economic actors (e.g. firms or government institutions) and their activities in and across space. More simply put, economic geographers study the *unequal distribution* of resources and economic activity in the global space economy. While the geographic scale of analysis can vary - from a firm, to a cluster or community, to a city, to a country, or a region, there is also an emphasis on the relationships between activities taking place within and across these various scales and 'the global'. Economic factors exert an important influence, yet other factors such as cultural and political should not be ignored. This course will introduce the geographic logic of economic activities in space, and rely on other relevant explanations when necessary to understand contemporary economic geographies. Particular emphasis is placed on historical and contemporary economic events that have shaped East Asia.

The topics explored in this class include:

- globalization and related themes (e.g. population, consumption, and innovation)
- international trade
- foreign direct investment
- development and development strategies
- firm location, activity and growth
- resources and energy

Students are introduced to key theories and perspectives related to these topics, and are encouraged to seek examples in their everyday lives and in the world around them.

Course Requirements:

- 1) Students must take both the midway and final exams. Make-up exams will not be given.
- 2) Students must complete two (2) *brief* assignments with the aim of reinforcing the content of class lectures and discussions.
- 3) Attendance will be taken. Each unexcused absence results in a one percent reduction in the final grade. A failing grade due to attendance will be assessed according to ISI policy. Please be on time for class.
- 4) Questions and class participation are strongly encouraged. One suggestion is to prepare for class and to think of one or two questions in advance.

Grading:

Mid-Term Exam	35%
Final Exam	40%
Assignments	20%
Attendance	5%

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**DAILY SYLLABUS
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SESSION	DATE	TOPIC	READINGS
1		Introductions and Course Overview	
2		What is Economic Geography? Introduction Globalization: Part I Globalization: Part II	Chapter 1
3		Population Distribution and Density Demographic Transition and Development	Chapter 3
4		Population Structure and Migration Impacts Factors of Location and the Weberian Model	Chapter 5
5		Scale, Firm Growth, and Business Cycles The State and Economic Geography	
6		Consumption: History and Theory Geographies of Consumption	Chapter 11
7		<i>Class Discussion of Culture Theory, Assignments</i> and Midway Wrap Up.	<i>Consumerism Work sheet due</i>
8		MIDWAY EXAM	
9		Econ Geo, Resources and Their Limits The Economic Geography of Energy	Chapter 4 <i>Eco-Footprints due</i>
10		International Trade Theory International Money and Capital Markets	Chapter 12
11		Foreign Direct Investment Defining and Measuring Development	Chapter 14
12		Underdevelopment – Location and Problems Major Perspectives on Development	
13		Regional Disparities and Development Strategies	
14		Economic Geography and Innovation	<i>Take notes!</i>
15		FINAL EXAM	