

GEO 306: World Economic Geography
(Writing Intensive Course)

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Required text: Stutz, F. and B. Warf. 2007. *The World Economy: Resources, Location, Trade, and Development, Fifth Edition.* Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson/ Prentice Hall.

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with the spatial dynamics of an increasingly interlinked global economy. Characteristics and location of world resources, industrial location theory, and global economic patterns constitute major areas examined. After completing the course, students should understand location characteristics, strategies, models, and global development case studies. An applied geography project and four written analyses will integrate specific current examples with course concepts.

In order to maximize the learning experience, it is expected that students will read assignments in advance of class meetings, attend regularly, and participate frequently. All written work will be formatted at 12 cpi, and double-spaced. Pages must be fastened, and drafts turned in with rewrites. No more than two websites permitted as references. Internal citation required. The attached syllabus provides a general plan for the course. Electronic devices must be turned off during class, and no food is permitted.

Grading:

- The **midterm and final exam** are each 15 points. The student must turn in their exam before they leave the room.
- **Three written analyses** are each 20 points, 10 for first draft, 10 for revised draft.
- **Attendance and discussion** participation is expected. Attendance will be checked during 10 class periods for full credit. Students will be dropped from the class roll if they do not attend during the first week. Office hours are for students who need assistance with material covered in classes they attend. Make-up exams will not be given without verifiable evidence of extreme unforeseeable hardship. It is necessary to complete reading assignments before the class period listed in order to participate in class discussion and benefit from the lectures.
- **Infractions** will be dealt with as covered in the General Catalog and Academic Integrity Policy. An Honor statement must be signed on each written work.

- **Grade Range**: A+=100-98; A=97-93; A-= 92-90; B+=89-88, B=87-83, B-=82-80, same range with other grades; Less than 60 = F

Course Calendar (subject to instructor's revision)

Wk	Date	Topic	Reading
1	8/26	Introduction to Economic Geography	Chapter 1
	8/28	(continued)	
2	9/2	Historical Development	Chapter 2
		Project # 1: Critical thinking:	**globalization current event**
	9/4	Global Capitalism	
3	9/9	**Draft 1 due;** Population	Chapter 3
	9/11	Migration	
4	9/16	Resources	Chapter 4
	9/18	**Final Analysis 1 Due**; Environment	
5	9/23	The Big Picture	Chapter 5
	9/25	Theoretical applications	
6	9/30	Manufacturing	Chapter 7
	10/2	**Proj # 2: Practical Geography Issue**	
7	10/7	**MIDTERM EXAM**	**MIDTERM EXAM**
	10/9	Services	Chapter 8
8	10/14	**Draft 2 due;** Services, continued	
	10/16	Transportation and . . .	Chapter 9
9	10/21	**Fall Break**	**Fall Break**
	10/23	Communication	
		Final Analysis 2 Due; Cities and …	Chapter 10
10	10/28	Urban Economies	
	10/30	International Trade and …	Chapter 12
11	11/4	Investment	
	11/6	**Proj# 3: Practical Critical Thinking**	Chapter 13
12	11/11	International Trade Patterns	
	11/13	**Draft 3 due**; Development and …	Chapter 14
13	11/18	Underdevelopment in 3rd World	
	11/20	Developed/ Developing World	Discussion
14	12/2	**Final Analysis 3 Due; Review**	Review
	12/4	**SECOND EXAMINATION**	**SECOND EXAMINATION**