Economic Geography (Econ 10)

COURSE SYLLABUS

Spring, 2017 – Tuesday (12:30 pm – 3:15 pm)

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Credit: 3 Units = 45 Lecture Hours

Required Textbook:

Economic Geography, 2013 2nd Edition, Neil M.Coe, P. F. Kelly, Henry W.C. Yeung;

Wiley; ISBN: 978-0-470-94338-0

Course Description:

Interrelated study of economic potential and history of various areas of the world, including United States. The course also considers the reciprocal relationship between the economic activities of man and earth surface features, population, human production, consumption, distribution. Analysis of the natural and economic functions and correlation of the relationship recognized.

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Course Objectives:

- 1. To understand the concept of economic systems, competition, and business enterprises in different territories geographically, international marketplace.
- 2. To gain knowledge of fundamentals of capitalist system, geographies of capitalism, including the US system.
- 3. To understand labor power, geographies of labor for small and large enterprises, financing production and banking system (global finance)
- 4. To discuss the fundamentals of organizing economic space, technological change, and transnational corporations activities. Ethnic economies and consumption cultures.

Instructional Methods:

The course will be conducted in the form of lectures and interactive discussions on the present economic environment and business essentials. Case studies will be provided.

Attendance:

Students are expected to attend each class section. If you cannot attend a class due to a valid reason, please notify the instructor prior to the class.

Grading Policy:

Your grade will be determined as follows:

Grade Structure	Points
Team Presentation + Team Evaluation	70 + 30
Attendance	30
Participation in the Class	70
Midterm Exam	100
Final Exam	100
Total Points	400

Grades will be earned as follows:

Points Earned	Letter Grade
360- 400; 340-359	A; A-
320-339; 300-319; 280-299	B+; B; B-
260-279; 240-259; 220-239	C+; C; C-
180-219	D
<180	F

Exams:

We will have two exams: midterm and final exam during the course. Exams will cover all assigned chapters, any additional readings or supplementary materials covered in class. The exams are **not** "open book" or "open notes".

Students for whom English is not a first language may use a dictionary during exams.

ABSOLUTELY NO MAKEUP TESTS AND PROJECTS ARE ALLOWED. *Other Comments:*

- ➤ Please participate. What you put into the class will determine what you get out of it and what others get out of it.
- ➤ Please come on time. Late arrivals disturb everyone else. Attendance will be taken in 10-15 minutes after the beginning of each class.
- > Students may not read other materials (newspapers, magazines) during class.
- > Students are to remain in class during the entire session with the exception of breaks. Students are not allowed to come and go during class session.
- ➤ If you miss a class, you are responsible for getting notes/slide printouts on the material covered from a classmate or the instructor.
- ➤ To avoid distracting noise in class, cellular phones <u>must</u> be turned off or the ringing mode silenced.

All class participants are expected to exhibit respectful behaviors to other students and the instructor. All students have the right and privilege to learn in the class, free from harassment and disruption. Inappropriate or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated, nor will lewd of foul language.

The instructor reserves the right to change this syllabus

CLASS SCHEDULE:

Date	Focus of Discussion	Homework Assignment
Tue:	Orientation via Syllabus. Introduction. Conceptual	Ch.1
01/17	Foundations - Thinking Geographically: Chapter 1.	
	Team Project Assignment	
Tue:	Chapter 2,3. Capitalism in Motion. Case 1.	Ch. 2, 3.
01/24		Case 1
Tue:	Chapter 4. The State: Who Runs the Economy?.	Ch. 4
01/31		
Tue:	Chapter 5. Environment/Economy.	Ch. 5
02/07		
Tue:	Chapter 6. Labor Power, labor geographies.	Ch. 6.
02/14	Case 2.	Case 2
Tue:	Chapter 7. Financing Production.	Ch. 7
02/21		
Tue:	Chapter 8. Organizing Economic Space. Midterm	Ch. 8.
02/28	Exam Review	
Tue:	Midterm Exam (Chapters 1-8)	
03/07		
Tue:	Chapter 9. Technological Change.	Ch. 9, 10.
03/21	Chapter 10. The Transnational Corporations.	Case 3
	Case 3.	
Tue:	Chapter 11. Spaces of Sale: How and Where Do We	Ch.11
03/28	Shop?	
Tue:	People, Identities, And Economic Life: Chapter 12.	Ch.12, 13.
04/04	Chapter 13. Gendered Economies. Case 4.	Case 4
Tue:	Chapter 14. Ethnic Economies: Do Cultures Have	Ch. 14
04/11	Economies?	
Tue:	Chapter 15. Consumption, Cultures of	Ch.15. Case 5
04/18	Consumption. Case 5	

Tue:		Ch. 20.
04/25	Team Project Presentation. Final Exam Review	
Tue:		
05/02	Final Exam	

NOTE: This schedule is subject to change