

Global Economic Geography
GEOG 345/545, Fall 2017 (3 credits)
M/W/F 9:30 AM – 10:20 AM, TLC 051

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Course Description

Globalization - the growing integration of economies and societies - continues to transform the world economy at a rapid pace. This new pattern of economic and business activities links distant people and places so that what happens in one place influences another through networks of interdependence. Most people can identify the widespread change caused by globalization but many disagree over benefits and costs. This course provides an excellent introduction to geographies of the world economy and a foundation for understanding our increasingly interdependent global business/production networks. One-day fieldtrip to explore how globalization is influencing economic activities within the vicinity of Moscow.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Understand the methods, subjects, principles and theories of economic geography and become better informed about the spatial characteristics of economic processes at both local and global scales; and
2. Understand contemporary trends in the global economy and their impact on individual livelihoods in diverse space; and
3. Be able to apply newly acquired knowledge to think geographically and critically about important real-world problems and contemporary issues related to globalization, development, and sustainability.

Required Textbooks:

1. Coe, N., Kelly, P., and Yeung, H.W.C. 2013. *Economic Geography: A Contemporary Introduction*. (Coe). Blackwell: Malden, MA. (Second edition recommended, \$69 Amazon, \$14 to rent)
2. Dicken, P. 2013 or 2015. *Global Shift: Mapping the Changing Contours of the World Economy*. (Dicken 6/7) New York: Guilford Press (7th edition or 6th edition, \$47 Amazon, \$17 to rent; please be aware of different chapter titles in the 6th/7th editions).
3. Supplementary readings will be found on BbLearn unless otherwise specified.

Course Evaluation (no substitutions for these requirements):

Undergraduate Students (GEOG345)

Attendance and participation: 10%

Assignments: 20%

Exams (in-class, open-book, open-note): 15%*3=45%

Term paper (proposal, presentation, and final paper): 25%

Extra-credit points (e.g., fieldtrip or company interviews): 5%-10%

Graduate Students (GEOG 545)

Attendance and participation in lectures or meetings: 10%

Essays (3-5): 45%

Final paper or research proposal: 45%

Extra-credit points (e.g., fieldtrip or company interviews): 5%-10%

The final grades will be assigned according to the following system:

A: 90-100% B: 80-89% C: 70-79% D: 60-69% F: anything below 60%

Tentative Schedule of Lecture Topics and Readings

Week	Dates	Lecture Topics
1	08/21-08/25	An economic geography approach to the world economy Chapters 1, 2 in Coe
2	08/28-09/01	Globalization Chapters 1 in Dicken 7 or Dicken 6
3	09/04-09/08	Changing contours of the global economy Chapter 2 in Dicken 7 or Dicken 6 (labor day, no class on 09/04)
4	09/11-09/15	Uneven development and commodity chains Chapter 3 and Chapter 8 in Coe
5	09/18-09/22	Commodity chains Chapter 8 in Coe and **Review and Exam 1**
6	09/25-09/29	Natural resources and the environment Chapter 5 in Coe; Chapter 9 in Dicken 7 (Chapter 15 in Dicken 6)
7	10/02-10/06	Extractive and agro-food industries Chapters 12, 13 in Dicken 7 (Chapters 8, 9 in Dicken 6)
8	10/09-10/13	Clothing industry: Chapter 14 in Dicken 7 (Chapter 10 in Dicken 6) (Instructor will be out of town for a conference, no class on 10/13)
9	10/16-10/20	Automobile industry and business services Chapters 15 and 16 in Dicken 7 (Chapters 11 and 12 in Dicken 6) **Term-paper proposal due 10/23**
10	10/23-10/27	Advanced business services ** Review & Exam 2 **
11	10/30-11/03	Technological change and industrial clusters Chapter 9 and Chapter 12 in Coe
12	11/06-11/10	Industrial clusters (cont'd) and transnational corporations **LQ and shift share analysis** Chapter 10 in Coe (Chapter 5 in Dicken 7/6)
13	11/13-11/17	Inequality/poverty in the global economy Chapter 10 in Dicken 7 (Chapter 16 in Dicken 6) **Spatial and social inequalities analysis**
14	11/20-11/24	Fall recess
15	11/27-12/01	Labor power and gendered economies Chapter 6 and Chapter 13 in Coe
16	12/04-12/08	**Review & Exam 3** and **Term-paper presentations**
17	12/11-12/15	Term papers due on 12/17

Note: the schedule is subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.

Class Policies:

Exams can only be made-up with instructor's permission. Instructor must be contacted prior to the exam date or if not possible, as soon as possible thereafter; doctor's note will be required if test is missed due to illness or health problems; if it is not possible to have a make-up, the points will be redistributed.

Failure to complete assignments on time will result in a 10% penalty for each lecture the materials are not turned in. This penalty can attain a maximum of 50% - which results in automatic failure for that assignment. If the assignment is never received, then a score of zero will be assigned for that assignment/requirement.

University Policy:

Disability Support Services Reasonable Accommodations Statement: Reasonable accommodations are available for students who have a documented disability. Please notify the instructor during the first week of class of any accommodation(s) needed for the course. Late notification may mean that requested accommodations might not be available. All accommodations must be approved through Disability Support Services located in the Idaho Commons Building, Room 333. See <http://www.students.uidaho.edu/taap> for additional detail.

Academic Integrity: Your own commitment to learning, as evidenced by your enrollment at the University of Idaho, and the University's Academic Integrity Policy requires you to be honest in all your academic course work. Writing assignments in this course are designed to assess your knowledge of course topics and your ability to express it in written form, meaning that while you may work together on homework and classwork assignments, the work you hand in must be written in your own words. In addition, while tempting, plagiarism, particularly of the Internet variety (i.e., cutting and pasting), is certainly not acceptable. UI is a learning institution with the goal to develop freethinking students who can analyze new concepts and develop their own ideas and opinions. In order to discourage plagiarism, the course will adopt a zero-tolerance approach. This means that if you are caught plagiarizing or cheating, you will receive absolutely no credit for that work and possibly a failing grade for the course. Furthermore, you will be formally reported to the Dean of Students for appropriate disciplinary action. The University of Idaho's policy on cheating is described in Article II-- Academic Honesty of the <http://www.webs.uidaho.edu/fsh/2300.html>.

Cell phones and Laptop computers: Students are asked to please turn their cell phones off or put them on vibrate mode during class. Laptop computers may be used in class for note taking only. Repeated offenses that disrupt the course and do not stop when requested by the instructor will be referred to the Judicial Affairs Officer of the University.

Firearm policy: The University of Idaho bans firearms from its property with only limited exceptions. One exception applies to persons who hold a valid Idaho enhanced concealed carry license, provided those firearms remain concealed at all times. If an enhanced concealed carry license holder's firearm is displayed, other than in necessary self-defense, it is a violation of University policy. Please contact local law enforcement (call 911) to report firearms on University property.