Syllabus
Economic Geography (GEOG 2100)

Course Information and Requirements

Course Title: Economic Geography (GEOG 2100)
Credits: 3
Prerequisites: None
Instructor: Jeffrey Osleeb, Ph.D.

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Textbook: (Required) You can purchase textbooks from a bookstore in your area, through an online bookstore on the Internet, or from the UConn Co-op Bookstore (in person or by phone 1-800-873-2348).

NOW REQUIRED

The World Economy
by Frederick P. Stutz and Barney Warf
Pearson/Prentice Hall, Saddle River, NJ, 2012
6th Edition

Available at UConn Co-op bookstore or purchase through an online bookstore where it might be less expensive.

The textbook reinforces many topics covered in class, thus it is very helpful, but tests are drawn from the online course material alone.

Reading assignments are of two types: (1) readings in the Stutz and Warf textbook that supplements course content (S&W); and (2) required readings on the web through Husky-CT for each module, or as an Internet link (WWW).

The developer of this course is Dr. Jeffrey Osleeb, Professors of Geography at the University of Connecticut.

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Course Description

Geography 2100 introduces students to the study of economic geography. In particular, this course will explore how geographic and economic conditions affect the products, industries, commerce and resources of the world in general, and the United States in particular. The course begins with an examination of population and resources, followed by a thorough study of basic location theory for primary, secondary and tertiary industries. Then we will move on to study the role of geography in the modern global economy, particularly as it relates to local, regional, national, and international economic growth and development.
Course Objectives

At the completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Summarize how geographic and economic conditions affect the products, industries, commerce and resources of the world in general and the United States in particular.
- Explain the role of population and natural resources in regional growth and change.
- Discuss basic location theory for primary, secondary and tertiary industries.
- Explain the role of geography in the modern global economy, particularly as it relates to local, regional, national, and international economic growth and development.
- Describe the nature of international trade, and economic globalization processes.

Note that this course meets general education requirements for Group 2 - Social Sciences.

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Grading

Grades are based on exercises, quizzes, a midterm and final examination and several online discussions. All work will be conducted online. All exercises, readings, write-ups and discussions must be completed before the start of the next module. Exercises can be downloaded, completed in MS Word and MS Excel, and emailed back to the instructor. For a typical online discussion, questions will be included in the online instruction. Each student must post a thoughtful response before the start of the next module. Additional postings can be made based on the comments of other students. Please respect the opinions of all students.

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Important Note: It is essential that all students keep up with the schedule posted. After we start a new module, assignments, discussions and write-ups from previous modules will no longer be accepted!!!

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**Note:**
Remember to post an introduction of yourself in the Discussion area of the course (see Discussion on the menu to your left)

Academic dishonesty of any type will not be tolerated in this class. Students should refer to the Student Code (see section on Academic Integrity - [http://www.dos.uconn.edu/student_code.html](http://www.dos.uconn.edu/student_code.html)) for specific guidelines.

Students with disabilities who believe they may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to contact the **Center for Students with Disabilities** (486-2020) as soon as possible to better ensure that such accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion.

### Course Schedule

- **Module 1: Introduction & History of Economic Geography**
  - 1. Introduction and History of Economic Geography
    - S&W: 1-19
- **Module 2: Geographic Tools**
- **Module 3: Basics of Economic Geography**
  - 2. Basics of Economic Geography
    - S&W: 35-45
- **Module 4: Population**
  - 3. Population
    - S&W: 59-95
- **Module 5: Natural Resources**
  - 4. Natural Resources
    - S&W: 97-129
- **Module 6: Agriculture and Food Resources**
  - 5. Agriculture and Food Resources
    - S&W: 157-181
- **Module 7: Location Principles and Land Use**
  - 5. Agriculture and Food Resources
    - S&W: 181-182
- **Module 8: The Location of Manufacturing Part I**
  - 7. Location of Manufacturing Part I
    - S&W: 131-155
- **Module 9: The Location of Manufacturing Part 2**
  - 8. Location of Manufacturing Part II
    - S&W: 185-211
- **Module 10: Location of Services**
  - 9. Location of Services
    - S&W: 213-243
- **Module 11: Urban and Regional Growth**
  - 10. Urban and Regional Growth
    - S&W: 271-295, 392-408
- **Module 12: Development, International Trade and Globalization**
  - 11. International Trade, Development and Globalization
    - S&W: 313-365

**Mid-Term – Monday, June 20, 2012**

**Final Exam – Friday, July 6, 2012**

For all assignment, quiz and exam due dates see your **Course Calendar** (Home page) and **Activities** pages in each module.
Required Software

Please run the HuskyCT to be sure your browser is HuskyCT compatible (found at top of your Course list page) and to ensure that you have downloaded the following required plug-ins:

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If you encounter technical problems, please contact the UConn Learning Resource Center (LRC), 860-486-1187.

Next, meet your instructor.