

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE FRASER VALLEY

COURSE INFORMATION

DISCIPLINE/DEPARTMENT: Geography

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Fall 1993

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Geography 242
SUBJECT/NUMBER OF COURSE

Economic Geography
DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: Introduces the basic concepts and theories of economic geography. Special attention is directed to an analysis of the location of settlement patterns, agricultural land use, resource extraction, energy development, manufacturing, retailing and other economic activities. The objective will be to examine the impact of economic decisions on the spatial organization of economic activity on the local, regional, national and global scale.

RATIONALE:

COURSE PREREQUISITES: GEOG 140

COURSE COREQUISITES: None

HOURS PER TERM FOR EACH STUDENT	Lecture	30	hrs	Student Directed	
	Laboratory		hrs	Learning	hrs
	Seminar	15	hrs	Other - specify:	
	Field Experience		hrs	_____	hrs
				TOTAL	45 HRS

MAXIMUM ENROLMENT: 35

Is transfer credit requested? **:** Yes **9** No

AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES:

Course Designer(s): Cherie Enns

Chairperson: _____
~~Curriculum Committee~~

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PAC: Approval in Principle
_____ (Date)

PAC: Final Approval: February 25, 1997
_____ (Date)

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SYNONYMOUS COURSES:

(a) replaces _____
(course #)

(b) cannot take _____ for further credit
(course #)

SUPPLIES/MATERIALS:**TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS (List reading resources elsewhere)**

Berry, B., Conkling, E., and M. Ray (1993) The Global Economy: Resource Use, Locational Choice, and International Trade, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

OBJECTIVES:

General: This course is meant to provide students with a basic understanding of the scope and method of economic geography. Students will examine a wide variety of economic activities and their associated locational patterns on the landscape. As well the course will focus on selected aspects of intra and inter regional communication, trade and transportation.

Instructional: Students ought to be able to:

- to understand general methods, tools, and techniques commonly employed in economic geography
- to have acquired a sound grasp of concepts and terms referred to in the literature
- to appreciate some of the factors at work shaping an economic landscape
- to interpret statistical data in map or graph form

METHODS:

Class are three hours in length. The instructor will lecture for the first 1 to 1 1/2 hours of the class. Students will be involved in group exercises and assignments for the remaining class time.

STUDENT EVALUATION PROCEDURE:

Class Exercises	30%
Midterm	20%
Essay	20%
Final	30%

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COURSE CONTENT

LECTURING AND READING OUTLINE

Economic Geography can be defined as the study of spatial variation on the earth's surface of activities related to producing, exchanging and consuming goods and services. An economic geographer is very interested in generalizations or theories that account for spatial variations. For example, stations are located where they are in Chilliwack and Abbotsford. We will also study the hierarchy of shopping malls in the Fraser Valley.

The following outline is a week-by-week description of this course, indicating lecture and discussion topics, readings, and assignments.

- Week 1: Introduction to Course
 Economics Geography: a study of place and space
 Classifying Economic Landscapes
 Guide to reading text
- Readings: Berry, Chapters 1 & 2
- Week 2: Exercise #1 - Classifying Economic Land Use (Downtown Chilliwack/Abbotsford)
- Week 3: Global Economic Landscape
 World Population Distribution
 - dynamics of population change
 - world population growth
 - demographic transition
 Geography of Poverty
 - basic indicators
- Exercise #1 due
- Readings: Berry, Chapter 3 & 4
- Week 4: Natural Resources
 Spatial Organization of Agricultural and Rural Land Use
 - Von Thunen "Agricultural Land-Use Model"
 - Economic Land Rent
 Exercise #2 - Land Rent
- Readings: Berry, Chapters 5 & 9

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COURSE CONTENT: (contd.)

Week 5: Midterm Review
Principles of Spatial Interaction
Exercise #2 Due

Week 6: Midterm
Essay Work Session

Week 7: Manufacturing Theories and Trends
Locational Analysis
Return Midterms

Readings: Berry, Chapters 9 & 10

Week 8: Commercial Activity in the City Part 1
Central Place Theory Applied
Trade Area Analysis

Readings: Berry, Chapters 6 & 11

Week 9: *** Field Trip ***
Exercise #3 - Central Place Theory Applied to the Location of Shopping Malls in the Fraser Valley.

Week 10: Location Theory in Historical Context
Commercial Activity in the City Part 2

Readings: Berry, Chapter 11

Week 11: Dynamics of World Trade and Investment
Exercise #3 due

Readings: Berry, Chapters 13 & 14

Week 12: Patterns of World Commerce
Exercise #4: Current Events

Week 13: Theories of International Trade

Readings: Berry, Chapter 12

Week 14: Study Questions
Final Exam Review
Exercise #4 due

Week 15: FINAL EXAMINATION WEEK
Final exam - date, time and place TBA

*** Note: There will be a fee of \$5.00 to help cover the cost of the scheduled field trip.