



**GEOG 242**  
 COURSE NAME/NUMBER

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**LEARNING OBJECTIVES / GOALS / OUTCOMES / LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

- to provide students with a basic understanding of the scope and method of economic geography
- to apply quantitative and qualitative models to an analysis of the capitalist mode of production in the context of a globalizing economy and local responses to same
- to make sense of how the capitalist mode of production creates particular landscapes of accumulation at local, national and international scales
- to show how those landscapes are inherently uneven and what this means for political, cultural and social life in developed, semi-developed and developing countries alike

**METHODS:**

This course is taught in a lecture/seminar format. Lectures draw on material from the text and identify specialized topics that are taken up in the seminar through student discussion. Students are also expected to participate in a class field trip.

**PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):**

Credit can be awarded for this course through PLAR

Yes

No

**METHODS OF OBTAINING PLAR:**

Challenge exam and/or portfolio assessment

**TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:**

[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]

Knox, P. 2004 The Geography of the World Economy 4<sup>th</sup> Ed., (London: University of Oxford Press)

**SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:**

Field Trip Fee

**STUDENT EVALUATION:**

[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]

Pres/Part	20%
Term Paper	30%
Midterm	20%
Final	30%

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**COURSE CONTENT:**

[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]

- Wk 1: Introduction to the course; doing economic geography in a globalizing world.
- Wk 2: Global, local, and everywhere between; static and dynamic explanations of geo-economic change.
- Wk 3: States, markets and regional motors; geographical patterns and processes in the world economy.
- Wk 4: Pre-capitalist foundations, the industrial revolution, and the consolidation of 'organized capitalism'
- Wk 5: The globalization of production, and the emergence of 'advanced capitalism'.
- Wk 6: Geographies in flux; the spatial reorganization of the core economies.
- Wk 7: Midterm.
- Wk 8: The unequal dynamics of interdependence; transformation of the peripheral economies.
- Wk 9: Field Trip.
- Wk 10: Agriculture and development in the periphery - the primary concerns?
- Wk 11: Another Faustian bargain?; industrialization and spatial change in the developing world.
- Wk 12: Transnational integration; economy, ecology, and the theory and practice of globalization.
- Wk 13: *Homo economicus* in the global village; conclusion of course.