



COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 1993  
 COURSE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 2012  
 COURSE TO BE REVIEWED: June 2018  
*(six years after UEC approval)* *(month, year)*

**OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE INFORMATION**

Students are advised to keep course outlines in personal files for future use.  
 Shaded headings are subject to change at the discretion of the department – see course syllabus available from instructor

<u>GEOG 242</u>	<u>Geography</u>	<u>3</u>
COURSE NAME/NUMBER	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	UFV CREDITS
<u>Economic Geography</u>		
COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE		

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

This course introduces the concepts and methods of economic geography. The focus is on the spatial distribution and interactions of population, natural resources and energy, manufacturing, and services in the capitalist economy. Emphasis will be placed on the geographies of innovation, competition, and inequality; industrialization and development; firm location decisions; and the evolution of particular kinds of economic landscapes at local, national, and international scales. Field trips outside of class time may be required. Please refer to department website for field trip scheduling information.

**PREREQUISITES:** None; GEOG 140 is recommended. Note: As of September 2013, prerequisites will change to one of the following: GEOG 140, BUS 100, ECON 100, or ECON 101.

**COREQUISITES:**  
**PRE or COREQUISITES:**

**SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S):**

- (a) Replaces: \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Cross-listed with: \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Cannot take: \_\_\_\_\_ for further credit.

**SERVICE COURSE TO:** *(department/program)*

**TOTAL HOURS PER TERM:** 45

**STRUCTURE OF HOURS:**

Lectures: 25 Hrs  
 Seminar: 16 Hrs  
 Laboratory: \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs  
 Field experience: 4 Hrs  
 Student directed learning: \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs  
 Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs

**TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION:**

Length of course: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hours per day: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER:**

Maximum enrolment: 36  
 Expected frequency of course offerings: Annually  
*(every semester, annually, every other year, etc.)*

**WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only)**  Yes  No  
**WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department)**  Yes  No  
**TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:**  Yes  No

Course designer(s): <u>Dr. Michelle Rhodes</u>	Date approved: <u>March 26, 2012</u>
Department Head: <u>Dr. Michelle Rhodes</u>	Date of meeting: <u>April 13, 2012</u>
Supporting area consultation (Pre-UEC)	Date approved: <u>April 13, 2012</u>
Curriculum Committee chair: <u>Tetsuomi Anzai</u>	Date approved: <u>April 13, 2012</u>
Dean/Associate VP: <u>Dr. Jacqueline Nolte</u>	Date of meeting: <u>June 22, 2012</u>
Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval	

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Use the methods and theories of economic geography to comprehend the inherently geographical character of capitalism.
2. Analyze the ways in which a globalizing capitalist mode of production and firm behaviour and decision-making models create uneven landscapes of accumulation at local, national, and international scales.
3. Identify the ways in which value is added to commodities, and what this entails for how resource-dependent regions develop.
4. Use primary and secondary data to determine the factors involved in the location of particular economic activities in a local and regional context.
5. Collaborate with peers to devise a research question and process.
6. Present original research as part of a research poster or research essay.

**METHODS:** *(Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)*

The course is taught in a lecture/seminar format. Lectures draw on material from the text and are supported by directed readings and films in a seminar format. A field experience in the reading and interpretation of economic landscapes will be included.

**METHODS OF OBTAINING PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):**

Examination(s)                       Portfolio assessment                       Interview(s)

Other (specify):

PLAR cannot be awarded for this course for the following reason(s):

**TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:** *[Textbook selection varies by instructor. Examples for this course might be:]*

Hayter, R., and J. Patchell. 2011. *Economic Geography: An Institutional approach*. Oxford Press. Or  
Stutz, F.P. and B. Warf. 2011. *The World Economy: Resources, Location, Trade and Development*. 6th Edition. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.

**SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:**

Field trip fee may be required.

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

Class presentation	20%
Term assignment	30%
Midterm	20%
Final exam	30%

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

Alternative 1:

Week 1: Introduction to Course; Capitalism and Space

Week 2: The Spatial Division of Labour

Week 3: Geographies of Innovation and Inequality

Week 4: Innovation, Competitive and Comparative Advantage, and the Industrial Geography of the Fraser Valley

Week 5: Business and Labour Patterns and Location Decisions

Week 6: Government as Actor and Influencer in Economic Geography

Week 7: The Non-Profit Sector ; Midterm

Week 8: Resources and Agricultural Production: Global commodities production and trade

Week 9: Energy

Week 10: Manufacturing and Industrial Diffusion

Week 11: Services, Consumption, and the Post-Industrial Economy

Week 12: Transportation and Telecommunications: The Arteries of Commerce

Week 13: Spatial Fixity and Urban Geography

**Course content continued:**

Alternative 2:

Week 1: Introduction to the course; doing economic geography in a globalizing world

Week 2: Global, local, and everywhere between; static and dynamic explanations of geo-economic change

Week 3: States, markets and regional motors; geographical patterns and processes in the world economy

Week 4: Pre-capitalist foundations, the industrial revolution, and the consolidation of organized capitalism

Week 5: The globalization of production, and the emergence of advanced capitalism

Week 6: Geographies in flux; the spatial reorganization of the core economies

Week 7: Midterm

Week 8: The unequal dynamics of interdependence; transformation of the peripheral economies

Week 9: Agricultural development in the periphery

Week 10: Field Trip

Week 11: Industrialization and spatial change in the developing world

Week 12: Transnational integration and the theory and practice of globalization

Week 13: *Homo economicus* in the global village