Course Description:
The course explores contemporary perspectives, themes, and research in economic geography focusing on issues and problems associated with regional and global economic and demographic change. Course participants develop knowledge concerning regional and global variations and disparities in development and growth and policy implications.

Learning Objectives:
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Examine the issues and processes which have led to globalization and the Global World Economy
2. Evaluate the impact of historical events and culture on economic development
3. Critically analyze current issues in the Global World Economy (global patterns and trends)
4. Recognize how globalization affects our everyday lives
5. Develop strategies to live and work in a globalized world

Course participants will figure out how to define and apply concepts including:

- Industrial Capitalism
- Advanced/Globalized Capitalism
- Spatial Divisions of Labor New International Division of Labor (NIDL)
- World-system theory
- Kondratiev cycles
- Demographic Transition Model
- Brain drain
- Transnational Corporations (TNCs)
- Agglomeration
- Global Commodity Chains
- Fair trade
- Newly Industrialized economy (NIE)
- Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)
- Gross National Product (GNP)
- UN Human Development Index (HDI)
- Subsistence economies

Required Textbook:
This book provides an in-depth and stimulating introduction to the globalization of the world economy. The theory and practice of economic and political geography provide a basis for understanding the interactions within and among the developed and developing countries of the world.

**Additional Resources for Course:**
Additional readings, website information, and videos will be provided in the Course Modules as .pdf file attachments or URL links. There is no additional charge for materials other than the required textbook.

**Course information:**

**UF e-Learning System Course Website:** Go to [http://elearning.ufl.edu/](http://elearning.ufl.edu/) and login to the Canvas e-Learning System. Once you have registered for the course, you will be able to view it at this website.

**Internet browsers:** Most internet browsers are compatible with the Canvas e-Learning System. With your internet connection (preferably a broadband connection such as DSL or cable), you should have no problem connecting to and using the UF e-Learning System/Canvas.

**Course Communications:** You are responsible for keeping up with announcements made on Canvas. If you have questions about course policies or subject matter, please post them to the Course Questions Discussion Board. Give the instructor at least 24 hours to answer.

**Direct communication with the instructor:** For personal questions about your grades or other matters, please email the instructor using the Canvas Inbox tool. Email: agantunes@ufl.edu

**Help desk:** For technical issues, you should contact the UF Computing Help Desk at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu if you need assistance. The Help Desk is open 24 hours/7 days a week except for UF Holidays and Breaks.

**Requirements for course completion and grades legend:**

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* In order to “pass” this course, you will need to earn a C (70-74%) or higher on the Final Grade.
** You must earn a C or higher also to receive General Education Requirements (Social Sciences) and Writing credits (6,000 words) for this course.

**Course Policies:**

**Submit Assignments on Time:** You will be able to see the materials and assignments for the entire course at the beginning of the semester. However, you may not be able to submit assignments until the open period for that Module. The deadline for an assignment to be uploaded to Canvas is 11:59pm on its due date (every Friday). You must submit your assignments by the deadline. Late assignments cannot be uploaded to Canvas and, therefore, will not be graded.

**Attendance:** Although taking an online course offers much flexibility if you know that you will not be accessing the course online for more than a few days, contact the instructor in advance.
Quiz: Depending on the content you will have 10 to 15 minutes to take the quiz one time. Once you begin the quiz, you must finish within the time indicated on the quiz instructions. You cannot re-enter, continue, or retake a quiz once the indicated time ends. Quizzes due dates: Friday 11:59 pm.

Make-up assignments: It will not be possible to “make-up” or submit assignments or quizzes after their specified due date.

Written requirement work
This course fulfills Writing Requirement (aka Gordon Rule) for 6,000 words, so a significant amount of writing is required to complete assignments. If you need (or desire) assistance with writing (grammar, expression or style), I encourage you to contact the Writing Studio. It is part of the University Writing Program, and the services are FREE. https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/

All assignments must be typed. You are expected to use correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar in all your written work. You also must provide complete citations for each source that you use in your written work.

UF General Policies:

Accommodations: Students must register with the Disability Resource Center (DRC). The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student which you must provide to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Contact the DRC as soon as possible if you need to utilize this service. DRC: 352-392-8565. Website: https://drc.dso.ufl.edu/

University Policy on Academic Misconduct: Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University of Florida community. Students should be sure that you understand the UF Student Honor Code. UF Academic Regulations and Honor Code: https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/1617/advising/info/student-honor-code.aspx

Communication Courtesy: All members of the class are expected to follow rules of common courtesy.

Tentative schedule:

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* Due dates in bold

**NOTE:** The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the Syllabus anytime during the semester.

Have a great semester!

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