

GEO 2500 Global and Regional Economies

University of Florida - Department of Geography
Online

GEO 2500 provides 3 Credit Hours of General Education (Gen Ed)
Satisfy 6,000 words of Writing Requirement (WR) and Social Sciences (S)

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Course Description

This course explores contemporary perspectives, themes, and research in economic and political geography, focusing on events and issues associated with regional and global economic and demographic change. Regional variations and disparities in growth and development are analyzed and policy implications discussed.

Student Learning Outcomes

After the completion of this course, you should be able to:

1. Describe the processes and systems which have led to globalization
2. Define the impact of historical events and culture on economic development patterns
3. Critically explain current issues associated with the world economy
4. Recognize how globalization affects our everyday lives
5. Summarize concepts, theories, and narratives concerning globalization and develop strategies to live and work in a globalized world

Required Textbook

Knox, Paul; John Agnew, and Linda McCarthy. 2014. **The Geography of the World Economy**. 6th edition. New York: Routledge.

Colin Flint and Peter J. Taylor. **Political geography: World-Economy, Nation-State and Locality**. 2018. 7th edition. New York: Routledge.

You have FREE access to both books through the Course Resources tab in your Canvas course Home Page. All you have to do is to set up an account [here](#). After registering, you will be able to access the books within the Canvas Course Home Page.

Note that you must have the UF virtual private network (VPN) client installed on your computer to be able to view online Course Reserve materials using an off-campus network. You can follow step-by-step instructions on how to install the VPN [here](#). For additional orientation on VPN off-campus access to Course Resources, go to [Course Reserves How-Tos for Students](#) and click [here](#) and [here](#). If you need technical help, please contact the [UF Computing Help Desk](#) on the phone at (352) 392-4357 or via email at helpdesk@ufl.edu. **Remember:** you should connect to UF VPN each time you need to access library resources remotely (off-campus). With this system, you will be virtually on the UF network and will have full access to electronic library resources.

Additional Instructional Resources

The course will use additional available instructional resources, including supplementary scholarly and non-scholarly articles, book chapters, infographics, videos, and URL links aligned to the Modules content and learning objectives. Quizzes should be based on the material presented weekly.

How to Access our Course and Get Started

1. Go to <http://elearning.ufl.edu/>
2. Log into [Canvas](#)
3. Navigate to [Courses](#), locate [GEO 2500 Global and Regional Economies](#) course, and click on it. Once you have registered for the course, you will be able to view it at this website
4. This will take you to the Course [Home](#) page sidebar
Click the [Modules](#) button on the left side of the Home page to get started.

Course Communications

I will communicate with you primarily through the tools within the Canvas e-Learning system. If you have questions about course assignments or policies, please post them to the [Course Questions Discussion Board](#). Such questions may help other students as well, so I encourage you to post questions and also interact with your peers in the discussion thread. For personal questions (grades or other matters), please send a direct message using the [Canvas Inbox tool](#).

You are welcome to come in person to Turlington Hall. In the Canvas Inbox, you can send a message to set up an appointment. We can also arrange a Zoom or Skype conference call.

Course structure

This course is organized into 12 Modules. One Final Project and one Final Exam will be handled during the last three weeks of the course. The course comprises 15 weeks total.

Weekly Online Content

Each week there are online readings and assignments to complete on your own. Details concerning each portion of weekly content are provided below:

- Introduction and objectives of the Modules
- Online reading related to topics covered in the Module/Weekly learning objectives
- Assignments include discussion posts, quiz question elaboration, and the activities focused on the topic covered each week. Each week there are online readings and assignments to complete on your own. Details regarding each portion of weekly content are provided below:

Assignment Due date

- Assignments are due at 11:59 p.m. on Mondays unless otherwise requested. This date gives you an entire week to complete scheduled assignments.
- Late assignments cannot be uploaded to Canvas and, therefore, will not be graded. It will not be possible to “make-up,” submit assignments or quizzes questions after their specified due date.

Tentative Course Outline

This course schedule is an outline - a general plan for the semester. Deviations may be necessary. Therefore, precise dates and deadlines may change. I will update as we go. Final Exam and Capstone Project TBD.

Module	Theme	Assignments Due date
1	Introduction to Global and Regional Economies	13-Jan
2	Historical Dynamics of the World Economy	21-Jan
3	Industrialization, Technology, and Rise of Core Economies	27-Jan
4	Globalization	3-Feb
5	New International Division of Labor	10-Feb
6	Imperialism, Colonialism and International Development	17-Feb
7	Agriculture	24-Feb
8	Agribusiness & Global Food Chain	9-Mar
9	Winners and Losers in the Global Economy	16-Mar
10	Global value chain (GVC) and Global Production Networks (GPN)	23-Mar
11	Global Services Industry and Governance	30-Mar
12	Current Global Economy challenges and issues	06-Apr

Grades and Grading Policies

A total point system is used to determine your grade. The number of points you earn is divided by the number of total points available, for the percentage. Based on the percentage, grades are assigned as follows.

A	B+	B	C+	C* **	D+	D	F
90-100 %	85-89 %	80-84 %	75-79 %	70-74 %	65-69 %	60-64 %	<60 %

* 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 Requirements credits (6,000 words).

Academic Honesty

Your work is expected to be your own. Please be sure that you understand the University of Florida [Honor Code](#). On all work submitted for credit, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."

Special Accommodations

For special accommodations, please register with the UF Disability Resource Center (DRC). The DRC prepares accommodation letters which you must provide when requesting accommodations for the course. This documentation is confidential. Contact the DRC as soon as possible if you need this service. DRC phone number is 352-392-8565. Website: <https://drc.dso.ufl.edu/>

UF Help Desk

For all your computing questions and technical problems with Canvas e-Learning, contact the [UF Computing Help Desk](#) at 342-392-HELP (4357), select option 2, or via e-mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu. UF Helpdesk is open 24/7, except for Holidays and Breaks.

Writing Studio support

If you need assistance with writing (grammar, expression, or style), I encourage you to contact the University Writing Program at <https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>. Services are free. 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.