

GEO 2500: Global and Regional Economies, Fall 2020

University of Florida
Department of Geography
100% Online (asynchronous)

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.

All required readings will be made available through Canvas. The books will be provided through UF [Course Reserves](#). You may access them from any computer with Internet access. For direct access, select the Course Reserves button from the navigation menu on the left side of the course webpage.

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, go to [Course Reserves How-Tos for Students](#). 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 Resources: Additional instructional resources and course content and materials including videos, book chapters, scholarly and non-scholarly articles, infographics, URL links will be available in Canvas.

How to Access our Course and Get Started:

1. Go to <http://elearning.ufl.edu/> and log into [Canvas](#).
 2. 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
 3. 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.

Class resources, announcements, updates, and assignments will also be made available through Canvas, so please check this site frequently: <http://lss.at.ufl.edu/>

Course Communications:

Canvas e-learning website will be the primary, supported mechanism for facilitating course-related communication throughout the course. Announcements functionality in Canvas will be used to post important messages/updates. Click [Announcements](#) in your Course Home Page. You are responsible for keeping up with the Announcements. 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 Board](#) thread. For personal questions (grades or other matters), please send a direct message using [Canvas Inbox tool](#). I will provide grades on all assignments via the Canvas Gradebook.

Technology Requirements: Canvas e-Learning System will work best in Google Chrome (web browser).

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.

Course Policies:

All assignments are posted in and/or integrated into Canvas. **Assignment Due date** - The deadline for an assignment to be uploaded to Canvas is Monday 11:59pm. This date gives you an entire week to complete scheduled assignments. 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.

Tentative Course Outline:

Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Course
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Module 1: Introduction to Global and Regional Economy
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Module 2: Historical Dynamics of the World Economy
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Module 3: Industrialization, Technology, & Rise of Core Economies
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Module 4: Globalization
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Module 5: New International Division of Labor
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Module 6: Imperialism and International Development
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Module 7: Agriculture
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Module 8: Food
Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Module 9: Urbanization
Week 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Module 10: Global Services Industry

Week 12

- Module 12: Current Economic Issues

This course schedule outline is a general plan for the semester; updates and deviations may be necessary.

Grades and Grading Policies:

University of Florida Grades and Grading Policies are explained in full in this [link](#). The system consists of a range of letter grades and corresponding grade points. In this course, grades will be on a 100-point scale. Final marks will be determined from the following scale:

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

Writing Studio:

The writing studio is committed to helping University of Florida students meet their academic and professional goals by becoming better writers. Visit the [Writing Studio](#) for one-on-one consultations and workshops. 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.

Writing Requirement:

This course confers 6000 words towards the Writing Requirement (WR), which ensures students both maintain their fluency in writing and use writing as a tool to facilitate learning. While helping students meet the broad learning outcomes of content, communication, and critical thinking, the instructor will evaluate and provide feedback on students' written assignments with respect to grammar, punctuation, clarity, coherence, and organization.

Course grades have two components. To receive Writing Requirement credit, a student must receive a grade of C or higher and a satisfactory completion of the writing component of the course.

University Policies and Services:

Academic Honesty: Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University of Florida community. Students should be sure that they understand the [Honor Code](#). UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states: "***We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code.***" On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "***On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.***"

Students Requiring Accommodations

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the Disability Resource Center (DRC). It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester. DRC phone number: 352-392-8565. Website: <https://drc.dso.ufl.edu/>. [Click here to get started with the Disability Resource Center.](#)

Counseling and Wellness Center Contact information for the Counseling and Wellness Center: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Course evaluation:

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. [Click here for guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner](#). Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via ufl.bluera.com/ufl/. [Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students here.](#)

Student Resources:

Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care: If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit [U Matter, We Care website](#) to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.

Counseling and Wellness Center: [Visit the Counseling and Wellness Center website](#) or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.

Student Health Care Center: Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or [visit the Student Health Care Center website](#).

University Police Department: [Visit UF Police Department website](#) or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).

UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center: For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; [Visit the UF Health Emergency Room and Trauma Center website](#).

E-learning technical support: Contact the [UF Computing Help Desk](#) at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu.

[Career Connections Center](#): Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services.

[Library Support](#): Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

[Teaching Center](#): Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352-392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.