

# GEO 2500: Global and Regional Economies, Spring 2021

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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**Response Time for Inbox Canvas or UF e-mail communication:** 24 hours

**Office Hours:** Online (by appointment)

## 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. The textbook will be provided (PDF file).

## Additional Resources

Additional instructional resources and materials, including videos, book chapters, scholarly and non-scholarly articles will be available in Canvas.

## How to Access the Course and Get Started

1. Go to <http://elearning.ufl.edu/> and log in to [E-learning](#).

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 on this website
3. This will take you to the Course [Home](#) page sidebar
4. Click the [Modules](#) button on the left side of the Home page to get started

## Course Communications

Canvas e-Learning website will be the primary online tool for facilitating course-related communication throughout the course. Announcements functionality will be used to post important messages/updates. Click [Announcements](#) on 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, so I encourage you to post questions and interact with your peers in the Discussion thread. For personal questions (grades or other matters), please send a direct message. I will provide grades on all assignments via the Canvas Gradebook.

## Technology

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

## UF Help Desk

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

## Course Outline (Changes may be made as needed)

This is a 15-week online course. The course is organized into 12 Modules. One Final Project/Final Exam will be handled during the last three weeks of the course. You are expected to follow the course outline and participate in each weekly module's activities.

Module	Theme	Due Date
1	Introduction to Global and Regional Economies	Jan 19
2	Major Dimensions of the Global Economy	Jan 25
3	Industrialization, Technology, and Rise of Core Economies	Feb 1
4	Globalization	Feb 8

5	Transformation of the Core Economies	Feb 16
6	Transformation of the Periphery	Feb 22
7	Agriculture	Mar 1
8	Winning and Losing in the Global Economy	Mar 8
9	Global Services	Mar 15
10	International Integration	Mar 22
11	Regions within the Global Economy	Mar 29
12	Current Economic Issues and Global Trends	Apr 5

This schedule outline is a general plan for the semester, subject to change. Updates and deviations may be necessary. If there are changes to this syllabus, assignment due dates, or such, I will notify you with an announcement in Canvas.

## Course Policies

**Perusal:** In this course we will be using Perusal, an interactive reading and annotation tool that will help you to better engage with class readings through group annotation. Perusal facilitates a deep reading experience in a learning community by providing an online platform for capturing the comments and questions of peers and the instructor. You are requested to post all comments and other annotations within Perusal as we read. The readings where you should provide your annotations can be accessed through "Perusal" tab on the left-hand side within your course Canvas page.

**Grading and Make-up Policy:** All assignments and due dates are listed on the Canvas e-Learning page. Life happens and therefore there is an automatic grace period of 24 hours for the submission of late assignments with no need to request an extension. However, it is highly recommended that you submit assignments on time when possible because assignments build on one another and it can be hard to catch up if you fall behind. Assignments turned in after the 24 hour grace period will lose 5% for each day of lateness.

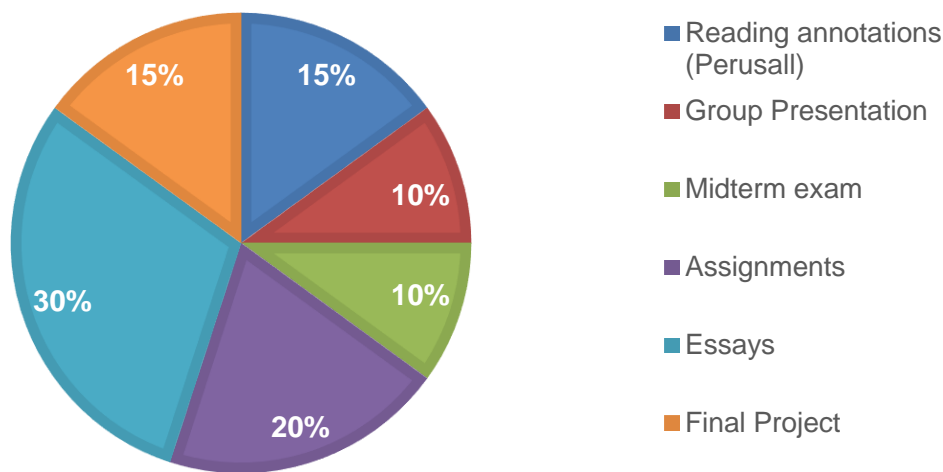
In this course, grades will be assigned on a 100-point scale. Final marks will be determined from the following scale:

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

**Assignment policy:** Assignments are due Monday night by 11:59 pm Eastern Time. This timing allows you to work the entire week to complete scheduled assignments before starting the next week's material. Assignments should be submitted via Canvas (except reading annotations posted within Perusall platform. Reading annotation activities (Perusall) cannot be made up.

### How are you evaluated?

There are five areas where grades will be issued: reading annotation (Perusal), group presentation, midterm exam, assignments/activities, final project. Each assignment is detailed on Canvas.



**Writing Requirement:** This course uses writing as a tool to facilitate learning and, as such, it requires **four 1,500 word essays** to be written throughout the semester (6000 words towards the Writing Requirement, WR). They are to be turned in via the Canvas course website. I will evaluate and provide feedback on written assignments concerning content and critical thinking, grammar, clarity, coherence, and organization.

Grades have two components. To receive WR credit (6000 words), you must receive a grade of C or higher and satisfactory completion of the course writing component.

**Writing Studio Support:** If you need assistance with writing (grammar, expression, or style), I encourage you to contact the University Writing Program. The Writing Center provides one-on-

one appointments to help students during any writing process phase - brainstorming, pre-writing, researching, drafting, and revising. Visit the [Writing Studio](#) or call 352-846-1138. 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.

**Netiquette (Internet/email etiquette):** You are expected to follow rules of proper Netiquette and common courtesy in all email messages, threaded discussions and chats in the online environment. You should approach all email in this class as a professional, workplace communication.

## 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 UF Student Honor Code at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/students.php>. On all work submitted for credit by students, 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:** For special accommodations, please contact 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. Please let me know as soon as possible. DRC's phone number is 352-392-8565.

**Course evaluation:** You are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. 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 <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

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**E-learning technical support:** 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to [Learning-support@ufl.edu](mailto:Learning-support@ufl.edu).

**Career Connections Center:** Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services. **Library Support:** The UF Libraries is an excellent research resource and offers helpful assistance concerning using the libraries or finding resources.

**Teaching Center:** General study skills and tutoring. Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352- 392-6420.

**U Matter, We Care:** If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu), 352-392-1575, or visit [U Matter, We Care website](#).

[Counseling and Wellness Center](#): The center offers mental health support services for free to all UF students. Services include urgent care, consultation, and counseling. Please call 352-392-1575 for information.

*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 Shads 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](#).