

**GEO 330 - Economic Geography**  
**Spring 2012**  
**12:30 - 1:50 TTh**  
**P102**

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<b>Textbook (required): Wood, Andrew and Susan Roberts. 2011. Economic Geography: Places, networks, and flows. Routledge.</b>		

### **I. Objectives**

Economic Geography is primarily concerned with the location of economic activity, the spatial organization and growth of economic systems, and people's use and abuse of Earth's resources. The course objectives are, specifically:

- A. Promote the use and value of maps and an appreciation of relative and absolute location.
- B. Promote awareness of spatial differences in economic activities.
- C. Assess the various theoretical models that explain agricultural and industrial location.
- D. Promote an understanding of global trade dynamics.

More broadly, the course provides students the opportunity to:

- 1) Think critically and reason analytically;
- 2) write and speak clearly and effectively;
- 3) become enlightened citizens of our democratic society;
- 4) develop an appreciation of the cultural aspects of civilization;
- 5) develop personal responsibility and professionalism.

### **II. Expectations**

In this class, student participation, including consistently good attendance, involvement in class discussion, and an overall positive attitude are very important. This is especially important in borderline cases.

### **III. How You Earn Your Grade**

- A. There will be three (3) one-hundred point exams during the session (see schedule). Exam questions will be primarily essay in nature. **NOTE: MATERIAL FOR EXAMS MAY COME FROM LECTURES, ASSIGNED READINGS, OR VIDEOS!**

Please be aware of the official MWSC policy concerning academic honesty:

*Since honesty in the classroom or laboratory is required, cheating, plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the college constitutes a violation. A student accused of cheating will have a hearing with the faculty member. If it is determined that cheating occurred, a grade of zero may be assessed. . . .*

When you realize that you will miss a major exam, you must:

- 1. Notify me in advance so arrangements for a makeup exam can be made.
  - 2. Have a note from the proper office explaining your absence. You will not be allowed to take the makeup without this note!
- B. A question on some aspect of economic geography will be assigned frequently. One individual will be designated to lead the discussion during class. A short summary of the question (typed, double-spaced - no more than one page) must be submitted during class. Participation in discussion and completion of the summaries will have a potential value of 50 pts.

- C. Review one of the following books,  
 “Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed,” – Jared Diamond  
 “The World is Hot, Flat, and Crowded,” – Thomas Freidman  
 (100 points total).
- D. Two take-home exercises dealing with some aspect of economic geography will be assigned. These exercises are worth 25 points each (50 pts. total).
- A fieldtrip exercise will involve mapping an assigned section of St. Joseph and analyzing the results (100 pts.)
- E. There will be five (5) quizzes during the semester covering textbook material. Each quiz is worth 20 points (100 total).
- F. You will earn your final grade by accumulating points on exams, discussion question book, and exercises. The total points possible will be 625. Scores will not be curved, so it is your responsibility to earn sufficient points for a particular grade:

630-700 = A; 560-629 = B; 490-559 = C; 420-489 = D; <420 = F

Extra Credit: A one-time extra-credit option worth 10 points will be available. See me for details.

#### Tentative Schedule

WEEK	Topic	Textbook	Due Dates
January 17	Introduction to course		
19	Economic geography	Read pp. 1-11	
24-26	Political economies		
31 and Feb 2	Population - Migration		<b>Quiz 1 (February 2)</b>
February 7	Resources	pp. 73-97	<b>Quiz 2 (February 7)</b>
<b>9</b>		<b>Exam 1 (1-62)</b>	<b>First Exam</b>
14	Spatial interaction	pp. 36-49; 136-158	
16-21	Transportation		<b>Quiz 3 (February 16)</b>
23-28	Agriculture	pp. 13-19	<b>Quiz 4 (February 28)</b>
March 1-6	"		
<b>8</b>		<b>Exam 2</b>	<b>Ag Exercise Due</b>
<b>11-18</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>		
20-22	Urban Land Use		
27	Service Centers	pp. 26-34	<b>Quiz 5 (March 27)</b>
29 and April 3-5	Work on Landuse Exercise		
10	Service Centers		<b>Book Review due (April 10)</b>
12-17	Industrial Location	pp. 20-26; 53-71	<b>Landuse Survey due (April 17)</b>
19-26	Consumption	pp. 100-122	<b>Industrial Exercise due</b>
<b>May 3rd (Thu)</b>	<b>Final Exam</b>		<b>(11:30 a.m.-1:20 p.m.)</b>