

Effective: Spring 2025

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title: Economic Geography

Course Number: GEOG 201

Credits: 3

Total Weeks: 14 (Fall, Spring)
12 (Summer)

Total Hours: 39

Course Level: ☐ First Year ☒ Second Year
☐ New ☐ Revised Course
☐ Replacement Course

Department: Social Sciences

Department Head: A. McDougall

Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable): N/A

Pre-requisites (If there are no prerequisites, type NONE): GEOG 100 or equivalent

Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE): NONE

Precluded Courses: N/A

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to a spatial perspective on the provision of goods and services in societies. By establishing a historical sense of the rise of capitalism in the modern era and the attendant new notions of 'economy' which accompanied this transformation, the causes and consequences of economic interaction will be considered across the local, national, and global levels. Looking at the transnational corporation, commodity chains, labour migration and other such topics will help students to interpret theoretical ideas in the context of real-world case studies.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Clearly define core economic geographic concepts such as relative location and uneven development.
- Identify various ways in which economic geographies have changed through history, both locally and globally.
- Describe the rise of the global economy and to concretely identify its pros and cons using case examples.
- Demonstrate an awareness of how questions around 'economy' may also be social, cultural, and political in nature.
- Present content comparing the causes and consequences of different standards of living worldwide.

INSTRUCTION AND GRADING

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other (<i>specify</i>):	
Total	39

Grading System: Letter Grades ☒ Percentage ☐ Pass/Fail ☐ Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory ☐ Other ☐

Specify passing grade: 50%

Evaluation Activities and Weighting (total must equal 100%)

Assignments: 10%	Lab Work: %	Participation: 10% <i>Specify nature of participation:</i> Presentation audience member discussion participation. Group work participation. Class reading review discussion participation.	Project: 20% <i>Specify nature of project:</i> Oral Presentation Project
Quizzes/Test: 20%	Midterm Exam: 20%	Final Exam: 20%	Other: %

TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

Provide a full reference for each text and/or resource material and include whether required/not required.

Course Reading Package

COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction to Economic Geography
Week 2	Defining 'Economy' & the Rise of Capitalism
Week 3	Case Study: Bottled Water
Week 4	Shifting Geographies of Relative Location
Week 5	From Producer to Consumer to Waste: Economies as Networks
Week 6	Transnational Corporations I Midterm Exam
Week 7	Transnational Corporations II
Week 8	Labour Migration I: Deindustrialization and the New International Division of Labour
Week 9	Labour Migration II: Case Studies in the Garment Industry
Week 10	Consuming Places: Travel and Tourism

Week 11	International Institutions: Fostering Development in the Global South
Week 12	Impacts and Costs of Environmental Change
Week 13	Diverse Economies & Alternative Markets
Week 14	FINAL EXAM

NOTES

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: bctransferguide.ca

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