Course Title:
Seminar in Resource & Environmental Geography: The Geography of Primary Production

Course Number:
GEOG 6240-221

Course Description:
A global review of natural resources, with primary attention to stocks, production technologies, and industry organization.

Class Dates, Location and Hours:
Dates: November 15-20, 2011
Location: Ramstein, Germany. Classes held in Bldg. 2784, Room 301, Kapaun Air Station.
Hours: Tue-Fri 6:00-9:30 p.m.; Sat-Sun 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: October 17, 2011

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Professor availability: The professor will be available via e-mail to students before and after the class sessions. On-site office hours are half an hour before and after each class session, by appointment.

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:
1. Materials posted on the OU Desire to Learn (D2L) system: Access D2L at http://learn.ou.edu; enter your OU NetID (4+4) and password, and select course to access material. Please contact your local Site Director if you require assistance. There are no published texts for this course. Instead, WORD files will be posted to D2L by Oct 1 (six weeks before the start of class). Each file forms the basis for one class meeting.
Course Objectives:
See course description.

Course Schedule:

Tuesday
Agriculture in North America, South America, and Europe.

Wednesday
Agriculture in Asia and Africa

Thursday
Forestry

Friday
Fisheries

Saturday
Mining (morning class) and Oil and gas in the Western Hemisphere (afternoon class)

Sunday
Oil and Gas in the Eastern Hemisphere (morning class)

Assignments, Grading, and Due Dates:
There will be daily quizzes on the posted files. In addition, however, you will prepare a brief report each day on some aspect of that file that you have explored independently in greater depth. In each class you will present that report both orally and in writing. It is important that you not repeat in these reports material already in the text; you must go beyond the posted files and discover additional information on your own. The bibliographical formatting of the written reports does not matter to me, but I want clean written work with sufficient citations that I can double check your sources.

Quizzes will often include questions arising from class presentation. Each quiz is worth 5 points. Each written report is worth 10 points.

There will be a final exam Sunday afternoon, worth 30 points and covering all course materials

Post-Seminar Assignment: None

Grading: This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F.

NOTICE: Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.
POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy
Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution’s policy regarding “I” (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy.

Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any “I” (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on “financial aid probation.” If the “I” grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student’s Financial Aid may be suspended make the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Honesty
Honesty is a fundamental precept in all academic activities and … [you] have a special obligation to observe the highest standards of honesty. Academic misconduct in any form is inimical to the purposes and functions of the University and is therefore unacceptable and is rigorously proscribed. Academic misconduct includes:

- cheating (using unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise), plagiarism, falsification of records, unauthorized possession of examinations, intimidation, and any and all other actions that may improperly affect the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement; assisting others in any such act; or attempting to engage in such acts.

All acts of academic misconduct will be reported and adjudicated as prescribed by the student code of the University of Oklahoma. All students should review the “Student’s Guide to Academic Integrity” found at http://www.ou.edu/provost/integrity

Accommodation Statement
The College of Continuing Education [Advanced Programs] is committed to making its activities as accessible as possible. For accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact your OU Site Director.

Course Policies
Advanced Programs policy is to order books in paperback if available. Courses, dates, and professors are subject to change. Please check with your OU Site Director. Students should retain a copy of any assignments that are mailed to the professor for the course.

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Education

Ph.D., University of California at Berkeley

Current Positions

- Advanced Programs Professor since 1999
- Professor, Department of Geography, University of Oklahoma

Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest

Regional Geography, especially of Asia and the Middle East

Representative Publications and Presentations

See http://ags.ou.edu/bwallach