The University of Oklahoma
College of Continuing Education
Advanced Programs – Course Syllabus

Course Title:
Seminar in Economic Geography: The World Economy in the 21st Century

Course Number:
GEOG 6230-105

Course Description:
The purpose of this course is to provide insights on the geography of the contemporary world economy. Today’s world is characterized by global economic interdependence and political fragmentation. We will discuss the historical development of the world economy, the role of technology in global economic change, relationships between the world economy and international relations, globalization, and future prospects for the world economy.

Class Dates, Location and Hours:
Dates: April 16-22, 2012
Location: Hurlburt Field, Florida. Class will be held in Bldg. 90220, 221 Lukasik Ave.
Hours: Mon-Fri; 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sat 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: March 18, 2012

This military installation is not open to the general public. In order to take courses at this installation, students must have a current military or Department of Defense identification card which allows them to access the installation.

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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:
Student materials are available at the Follett/AP Bookstore located in the Oklahoma Memorial Union, 900 Asp Ave., Norman, OK. Orders can be placed online at www.oklahomaunion.bkstr.com or by telephone at 866-369-9713 (toll free in the U.S.) or 405-325-5960 (outside the U.S.). E-mail orders may be sent to oklahomaunion@bkstr.com. Representatives are available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST on Friday. Summer hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST. Faxed orders may be placed 24 hours a day to 866-223-5607 (toll free in the U.S.) or 405-325-1557 (outside the U.S.).


4. Materials posted on the OU Desire to Learn (D2L) system: Access D2L at [http://learn.ou.edu](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.

Students should read these books before or during the class. The writing assignments will be given at the beginning of class and will be based in part on these readings. Additional readings including current newspaper and journal articles will be distributed during the class and posted on Desire2Learn.

Note: The Follett/AP Bookstore is the Advanced Programs contractual textbook provider. Should text changes become necessary after publication of the course syllabus, Advanced Programs will facilitate text returns/refunds only for texts purchased through the Follett/AP Bookstore.

**Course Objectives:**

Students completing this course should be able to:

1. articulate the historical development of the world economy from the Middle Ages to the present;
2. describe those principles and forces that underlie the working of the contemporary world economy;
3. demonstrate understanding of the interface between the world economy and the world’s political system; and
4. articulate understanding of the impacts of global economic change on local places.

**Course Outline:**

The course will combine presentation of material about the world economy with discussion of the readings. Students are expected to read the material in advance of or during the class and to participate actively in class discussions.

**Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:**

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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

- 1981  Ph.D.  Geography, University of Iowa
- 1977  M.A.  Geography, University of Illinois
- 1974  A.B.,  Philosophy, Clark University

Current Positions

- Since 2005  Advanced Programs Professor
- Present  Professor and Chair, Department of Geography, University of Oklahoma

Frequently Taught Advanced Programs Courses

GEOG 6230  Seminar in Economic Geography: Geography of World Economy

Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest

Political, cultural, and economic geography with emphasis on the United States and its role in the world economy.

Representative Publications and Presentations


Representative Honors and Awards Received

Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award, National Council for Geographic Education

Major Professional Affiliations

Association of American Geographers