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

Course Number:
GEOG 6230-225

Course Description:
The course examines the overarching theories of global economic interaction, including world-systems theory, globalization, the flat-world thesis, and geographies of talent. Additionally, the course will examine the function of several key international institutions.

Class Dates, Location and Hours:
Dates: May 15-20, 2012
Location: Lakenheath, England. See Site Director for classroom location.
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 6:00 PM – 9:30 M, Saturday and Sunday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: April 16, 2012

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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:
Materials posted on the OU Desire to Learn (D2L) system: All readings will be available via the Desire to learn platform as PDFs or links to URLs. 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.

Course Outline:
May 15 - World Systems Theory
May 16 – Case Study of History of Europe’s role in the World-System:

- Before European hegemony: the world system A.D. 1250-1350, Parts 1250-1350

May 17 – World Systems and the Future


May 18 - Globalization and New Actors

- Selected papers on Financial Institutions.

May 19 New Trends

Morning Session: Globalization(s) Futures


Afternoon Session

- Selected Readings on D2L addressing

May 20

Morning Session

- Selected Chapters from Richard Florida The Flight of the Creative Class: The New Global Competition for Talent

Afternoon Session

- Final Exam – Open Book, open note, open source.

Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:

1. Core, Periphery and Semiperiphery: Are Suffolk and Norfolk, UK core, semi-periphery, or periphery.in the globe, and within the UK? (20% of the grade). This is due to the D2L Dropbox 1 week (May 8th) before class starts.
2. Take Home Final Exam (50% of the grade)
3. Assignment 3: Globalization Research Paper: (30 % of the grade). Research paper on a region or city of your choice to assess the impacts of globalization on the place selected.

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

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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. Advanced Programs does not provide duplicating services or office supplies.

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INSTRUCTOR VITA
Darren Purcell

Education
• BA, Geography, University of Kentucky (1991)
• MA, Geography, University of Kentucky (1996)
• Ph.D., Geography, Florida State University (2003)

Current Positions
• Assistant Professor, University of Oklahoma, Dept. of Geography (2005-Present)
• Affiliate Faculty, School of International and Area Studies, Univ. of Oklahoma
• Advanced Programs professor since 2006

Frequently Taught Advanced Programs Courses
• Graduate Seminar in Human Geography – Geographies of Cyberspace and the Information Economy
• Graduate Seminar in Economic Geography – Geographies of Money and International Finance

Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest
• Regional Specialization – Central and Eastern Europe, Former Soviet Union.
• Thematic Specializations – Political Geography, Geopolitics, Economic Geography, Communications.

Representative Publications and Presentations
• Steinberg, P. and Purcell, D. (accepted – forthcoming, 2010) “"Power and Space In Electronic Communications” in the International Studies Association Compendium. C. Flint (ed.)

Representative Honors and Awards Received
• 2011 – National Council for Geographic Education Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award
• 2009 – Provost’s Outstanding Academic Advising Award.
Major Professional Affiliations

- Association of American Geographers
- Southwestern Association of American Geographers
- Association of Internet Researchers
- National Council for Geographic Education