

GEOG 213 Introduction to Economic Geography
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Course Objective: This course investigates "The distribution and locational basis of selected primary, secondary, and tertiary economic activities." In the process, students will be exposed at variety of related literatures associated with the geography of economic activities.

REQUIRED READINGS: Gatrell, J. and Reid, N. 2004. *The Global Economy: Spatial Context & Regional Change*, 2nd Edition, Kendall-Hunt Publishers, Dubuque, IA.

NOTE :Students are responsible for 'related' readings indicated in the text too. This will require obtaining appropriate issues of the **Professional Geographer** and **Annals of the AAG** from the library, ProQuest, or other on-line full text databases.

General Education

GEOG213 is a GE2000 Social and Behavioural Studies-Elective course. The course meets similar A1 requirements under GE89.

Social Science Education

GEOG213 is a core geography course in the SSE program.

Course Requirements:

1. **Mid-Term Exam.** Students will complete 1 mid-term exam. Students will chose 2 of 6 essays to complete. While no minimum page length exists, a 2-3 pages per essay answer would be appropriate. Proper citations should be used when and where appropriate (**2x15=30 Pints**)

Exam Content is based on both the lectures/units and the text. The organizational structure for exams is rooted in the lecture and examples can be drawn from the text and/or sources beyond the classroom. Because the tests are "TAKE HOME" students are expected to obtain (and cite) outside resources and synthesize the course materials—when, where, and if appropriate.

2. **Exercises.** Students will complete eight exercises (**8x5=40 Points**). The exercises are located at the back of the book and must be submitted to the instructor by the due date vis-à-vis an approved method.

For more information, similar sample exercises and 'how to' handouts (or PDFs) are located on the course website.

3. **Final Exam.** A single essay response. Students chose from 3 questions. This single essay is intended to demonstrate your understanding of economic geography and your ability to summarize/synthesize the core class content. This essay should be 4-5 pages in length. (**30 Points**)

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4. The grading scale is as follows:

A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%

D 60-69%

5. Students are responsible for maintaining academic integrity

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For WEBCT Students

Acceptable Submission Options for Assignments or Exams

1. Create an appropriately formatted (i.e., paragraphs, etc...) web-page that includes all required materials and provide me with a working link to it by 12PM on the stated due dates for assignments and exams;
 2. Scan the paper into a PDF and submit as a single file attachment via e-mail by 12PM on the stated due date;
 3. Fax to the Department of Geography, Geology, & Anthropology Office (812) 237-8029;
 4. Mail to the Department of Geography, Geology, & Anthropology Office (plan 5 days in advance);
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5. Deliver to the instructors office by 12PM on the stated due date.

Note: Attached word processing files will **NOT** be accepted because of viruses. Likewise, pasted text in emails will **NOT** be accepted because assignments must be word processed. As this is a web-based course, it is anticipated that you have experience with one or both of these technologies (and/or have the capacity to obtain training or access to these basic web/Internet resources).

Basic Structure:

Week 1	Syllabus What is geography? Process & Pattern in economic geography	<i>CH1 Gatrell & Reid</i>
Week 2	Development Economics Population MODEL: Demographic Transition & Economics	<i>CH 4 Gatrell & Reid PowerPoint Slides On-Line</i>
Week 3	Technology & Global Economic Development Problems of Development Theories of Development	<i>CH3 & 4 Gatrell & Reid</i>
Week 4	Global Economics MODEL: Core-Periphery	<i>CH8 Gatrell & Reid PowerPoint Slides On-Line</i>
Week 5	Spatial Interaction MODEL: Distance Decay MODEL: Gravity	<i>CH 1 Gatrell & Reid PowerPoint Slides On-Line</i>

Exercises 1&2 due: Sept 26th

Weeks 6 & 7 The City as Economic Node
MODELS: Urban Structure & Economic Activity *CH 2 & 3 Gatrell & Reid*
PowerPoint Slides On-Line

Week 8 Service Activities
MODELS: Central Place & Variations *CH6 Gatrell & Reid*

Exam 1 Due: October 17th

Exercises 4 & 5 due October: 19th

Week 9 Changing Economic Structure of Cities

Week 10 Data Collection *Appendix Gatrell & Reid*
Library Walk Tuesday *PowerPoint Slides On-Line*
TECHNIQUE: Location Quotient Examples
TECHNIQUE: Lorenz Curve Example & Discussions

Exercises 3 & 7 due October 31st

Week 11 Industrial Location *CH 5 Gatrell & Reid*
MODEL: Breaking Point (Linear Markets) *PowerPoint Slides On-Line*
MODEL: Weber's Triangle
MODEL: Product Cycle

Week 12 Regions & Resources *CH3 Gatrell*
MODEL: Territorial Industrialization & Technology
"Locational Windows of Opportunity"

Exercise 8 due: November 14th

Week 13 Primary Sector *CH7 Gatrell & Reid*
MODEL: Von Thunen's Rings

Week 14 Other perspectives in Economic Geography *CH 1 Gatrell & Reid*

Week 15 Review

Final wk **Final exam due: Dec. 12th**

****Late Assignments or Exams will be penalized 10% per day****