

**ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY**  
**Geography 2312, Section A1**  
**Spring 2010**

Blinn College -Bryan Campus  
Course Information Sheet

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Geography 2312 serves as an introduction and analysis of the study of the historical development of particular economic distributions as they relate to social, cultural, political, and physical factors. Includes the critical inquiry into the reasons for location of various types of economic activity, production and marketing.

**PREREQUISITES:**

There are no prerequisites.

**CORE CURRICULUM**

This is a Core Course in the 42-Hour Core of Blinn College. As such, students will develop proficiency in the appropriate Intellectual Competencies, Exemplary Educational Objectives, and Perspectives.

[www.blinn.edu/corecurriculum.htm](http://www.blinn.edu/corecurriculum.htm)

**Student Learning Outcomes: At the completion of the course, the student will:**

- Define geography
- Compare and contrast the major theories of the spatial location of economic activities
- Examine how various economic activities are located geographically on the surface of the earth
- Analyze how different cultures around the world impact the various economic systems
- Examine the location of economic activities is influenced by natural and social concerns
- Examine how globalization affects economic geography today
- Compare the major theories of the spatial location of economic activities
- Analyze the impact of European colonization on the development of global economic systems
- Analyze the increasing interconnectedness of our globalized society

**TEXTBOOKS, SUPPLIES, MATERIALS:**

Textbook: Stutz and Wharf. *The World Economy*. 5<sup>th</sup> Ed. Prehall 2007.

**ADA STATEMENT:**

Information regarding procedures for documenting disabilities can be obtained from the Counseling Office. Reasonable accommodations will be made for documented disabilities. Students must present documentation as soon as possible for the instructor to arrange accommodation.

**CLASS ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES:**

The College District believes that class attendance is essential for student success; therefore, students are required to promptly and regularly attend all their classes. Each class meeting builds the foundation for subsequent class meetings. Without full participation and regular class attendance, students shall find themselves at a severe disadvantage for achieving success in college. Class participation shall constitute at least ten percent of the final course grade. It is the responsibility of each faculty member, in consultation with the division chair, to determine how participation is achieved in his or her class. Faculty will require students to regularly attend class and will keep a record of attendance from the first day of class and/or the first day the student's name appears on the roster through final examinations. If a student has one

week's worth of unexcused absences during the semester, he/she will be sent an e-mail by the College requiring the student to contact his/her instructor and schedule a conference immediately to discuss his/her attendance issues. Should the student accumulate two weeks worth of unexcused absences, he/she will be administratively withdrawn from class.

**Please see the Blinn College Student Handbook for the officially recognized excuses for student absences.**

#### **CIVILITY STATEMENT**

Members of the Blinn College community, which includes faculty, staff and students, are expected to act honestly and responsibly in all aspects of campus life. Blinn College holds all members accountable for their actions and words. Therefore, all members should commit themselves to behave in a manner that recognizes personal respect and demonstrates concern for the personal dignity, rights, and freedoms of every member of the College community, including respect for College property and the physical and intellectual property of others.

#### **OTHER POLICIES:**

No food and drinks in the classroom. Appropriate dress is required.

Blinn College does not tolerate cheating, collusion or plagiarism. Procedures for dealing with these acts are outlined in the Scholastic Dishonesty Policy.

***ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES MUST BE TURNED OFF UPON ENTERING ANY CLASSROOM, LIBRARY OR THE LEARNING CENTER. THESE INCLUDE CELL PHONES, PAGERS AND PDAs.***

***Please be aware that arriving late or leaving class (and returning) is disruptive to other students as well as the instructor.***

I expect all of you to show respect during this class. Behaviors such as talking during lecture, reading or working on outside material and passing notes is unacceptable.

#### **READINGS**

Please read this section very carefully and be aware of the implications for your successful progress in this course. Geography 2312 is designed to allow you a successful and enjoyable introduction into the many facets of Geography at the college level. It is designed to challenge you as well as keep you stimulated. In spite of this, the course should not be too difficult for you if you keep up with the assigned readings. PLEASE READ EACH CHAPTER BEFORE COMING TO CLASS so that you may be able to participate in class discussions.

Class lectures and discussions will not necessarily cover the same materials as are in the text. Lectures will often amplify the materials in the text as may course handouts. Class time will be used to present or amplify basic concepts and applications in the text. HOWEVER, examinations will be derived from class lectures, handouts, AND THE TEXT!

#### **COURSE OUTLINE--*Tentative***

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>ASSIGNED READING FOR EACH DAY</b>
Jan 20	Introduction	Ch. 1
<b>Jan 22</b>	<b><i>Last day to add/drop or register for courses</i></b>	
Jan 25	Economic Geog	Ch. 1
Jan 27	Historical Development of Capit.	Ch. 2
Feb 1	"	"
Feb 3	Population	Ch. 3
Feb 8	Pop & Resources	Ch 3/4
Feb 10	Resources & Environment	Ch. 4
<b>Feb 15</b>	<b><i>Exam 1</i></b>	

Feb 17	Theoretical Considerations	Ch. 5
Feb 22	"	"
Feb 24	Agriculture	Ch. 6
March 1	"	"
March 2	Manufacturing	Ch 7
March 8	"	"
<b>March 10</b>	<b>Exam 2</b>	
<b>March 13-21</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>	
March 22	Services	Ch. 8
March 24	"	"
March 29	Transportation and Communications	Ch. 9
March 31	"	"
<b>April 2</b>	<b>Holiday</b>	
April 5	Cities and Urban Economics	Ch. 10
April 7	"	"
April 12	Consumption	Ch. 11
April 14	"	"
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Last day to drop with a "W"</b>	
<b>April 19</b>	<b>Exam 3</b>	
April 21	International Trade	Ch. 12
April 26	"	Ch. 13
April 28	Development & Underdevelopment	Ch. 14
May 3	"	"
May 5	Course Wrap-Up and Review for Final	
<b>May 10</b>	<b>12:45pm in A122 FINAL EXAM</b>	

#### GRADING

The grading scale for this course is listed below. The distribution is based on a normal scale: 90%=A, 80%=B, 70%=C, 60%=D. Students will be constantly informed of the progress throughout the course. If a grade is borderline, within 1/2% point, it will automatically be rounded up to the next higher grade.

Two Major Exams	200 pts.	Grade Distribution for Spring 2010
Final Exam	150 pts	A = 495
Four Assignments	100 pts	B = 440
Ten Quizzes	50 pts	C = 385
<u>In class work</u>	<u>50 pts</u>	D = 330
TOTAL PTS AVAILABLE	550 pts	

#### EXAMINATIONS:

Throughout this course, your grade will consist of two major exams and a final exam. Each major exam is worth 100 points, and may consist of multiple choice, true/false questions. Of the three major exams, the exam with the lowest grade will be dropped. If a student misses an exam, they have the option of selecting the missed exam to be their dropped exam grade. You will need **scantron 882** to take your exams.

The final exam is comprehensive and will be worth 150 points. The format will be the same as the major exams.

**It is the instructor's policy that all students take examinations on the scheduled date.** All deviations from this must be scheduled in advance. In instances of emergencies, the STUDENT MUST inform the instructor as soon as possible. **Failure to take an examination at the scheduled or agreed upon time will result in a score of 0.**

#### ASSIGNMENTS/QUIZZES:

You will also have five homework assignments worth twenty-five points each. These assignments will cover important concepts presented in the course as well as current issues relating to geography. I will drop the lowest assignment grade. **NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** **If you are absence and**

**it is excused, then see your instructor.**

Finally, there are weekly quizzes. These quizzes are designed to increase the student's level of participation and organization of the material that will be covered. The total points allotted for quizzes will be one hundred points. ***Only the top ten quiz scores for each category will be counted.***

All projects may be handwritten if legible (i.e. If I can read them), but must reflect self-respecting college level submissions. There will be NO torn pages, scribbled words, etc. IF I RECEIVE THE SAME VERBIAGE ON MORE THAN ONE PAPER, THOSE STUDENTS WILL EACH RECEIVE A SCORE OF 0.

**ONLINE SUPPLEMENT:**

In this course you will use our electronic classroom. To visit this electronic classroom, please visit [ecampus.blinn.edu](http://ecampus.blinn.edu). Follow the instructions about logging in to the course. You will find a copy of this Course Information Sheet, hand-outs, outlines, key terms, articles, etc which are designed to help you succeed in this course.