



Lincoln University

ECON 10 – Economic Geography

Fall 2023

Credit:	3 units / 45 lecture hours
Level:	Developed (D)
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Lecture Schedule:	Tue, 12:30 – 3:15 pm
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Required textbooks:	World Regional Geography, 7 th edition by Joseph J. Hobbs; Cengage Learning US, 2021. ISBN: 978-0-357-03407-1
Supplementary textbooks:	Economic Geography: A Contemporary Introduction 3 rd Edition by Neil Coe, Philip Kelly, Henry W. C. Yeung; Wiley-Blackwell; 2019. ISBN: 978-1-119-38955-2
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Catalog Description

Interrelated study of the economic potential and history of various areas of the world, including United States. The course also considers the reciprocal relationship between the economic activities of man and earth surface features, population, human production, consumption, distribution. Analysis of the natural and economic functioning units and correlation of the diverse relationship recognized. (3 units)

Course Overview

The spatial distribution of economic activities (production, transfer, or consumption), reflecting the interplay between numerous institutional, political, social and economic factors, defines a complex interrelated character of life and business in modern globalized environment. In our study we will combine elements of economics, geography, international business, and history to examine forces that shape the way the

world develops. We will acquire a deeper understanding of intricate relations between various areas of the world and learn how to apply it in business environment.

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course students will be able to:

	Course LO	Program LO	Institutional LO	Assessment Activities
1	Analyze and summarize political economic data in support of the argument.	GELO 1	ILO 2a	Course project
2	Clearly identify, persuasively present, and thoughtfully discuss solutions to the problems of global economy.	GELO 2	ILO 2a	Course project
3	Use the understanding of economic geography to present viable strategic alternatives in the context of international business.	GELO 4	ILO 7a	Assignment 11: Diagnosis of the American Economy
4	Synthesize information from various sources to develop an intelligent opinion about the current state of the economy.	GELO 5	ILO 6a, ILO 7a	Assignment 11: Diagnosis of the American Economy
5	Identify the ethical problems of modern economic system.	GELO 6	ILO 3a, ILO 5a	Course project

Procedures and Methodology

Lecture method is combined with in-class discussions. Core concepts identified from the textbook will be augmented with supplementary sources (made available to students on the class website) and applied to the real-life situations during class activities.

Assignments and projects require students to actively use resources of the library. Detailed guide to business *resources of the library* is available on the Library Website (library.lincolnuca.edu).

Library staff will be available during their Library hours through a live online chat feature, telephone, or email to help students with research problems or questions. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call them at 510-379-4048, or email your question to: library@lincolnuca.edu

Class Rules

1. Class attendance is required. Attendance will be taken each class at a time chosen by the instructor.
2. Students are required to arrive to class on time.
3. All exams, assignments, and projects must be completed and handed in on time.
4. Detected cheating/plagiarism will result in “F” for the assignment.

Academic Integrity

Lincoln University is an institution of higher learning committed to exemplary standards academic honesty and integrity. As member of Lincoln University community, students, faculty, and staff share a responsibility in maintaining this commitment. Academic dishonesty (e.g., instances of plagiarism, cheating, forgery, etc.) will not be tolerated and will result in unsatisfactory academic performance.

Course Project

Every student must complete a research project focused on the critical analysis of a selected problem in global economy for an in-class presentation.

The specific topic of the course project and possible data collection tools will be developed in course assignments. The project will culminate in presentation during the penultimate class of the course. Students are expected to present their course projects during the class using visual aids as well as submit a written report.

There are two critique session scheduled as a part of the course project preparation. The critique session is an attempt to ask questions, to discuss and debate your ideas, and, in general, to improve the quality of the work.

Group Project Grading Criteria:

- Content
- Use of time
- Style.

Exams

The exams (midterm and final) will consist of questions based on lectures, assigned chapters and supplementary reading as well as case studies / practical assignments. The final exam will be comprehensive.

Assessment Criteria

All assignments, quizzes, projects and exams are evaluated using the indicated system:

94-100	A	73-76	C
90-93	A-	70-72	C-
87-89	B+	67-69	D+

83-86	B	60-66	D
80-82	B-	0-59	F
77-79	C+		

Tentative Weights

Final grade will consist of the following components:

Assignments	15%
Online discussions	15%
Course Project	20%
Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exam	30%

Course Outline

		Topic	Chapter	Assignment	Online Discussion
Module 1. General Concepts	Aug. 22	Thinking Geographically	<i>Coe, Ch. 1</i>	Assignment 1. Location Decisions	
	Aug. 29	Understanding the Economy	<i>Coe, Ch. 2</i>		Online Discussion 1.1: Human Irrationality Online Discussion 1.2: Alternative Measurements
	Sept. 5	Networks	<i>Coe, Ch. 4</i>	Assignment 2. Example of Production Network	
	Sept. 12	Population	<i>Handouts</i>	Assignment 3. Population Change	
	Sept. 19	Midterm Exam	<i>Coe, Ch. 1-5, 9. Reading (available online)</i>		

Module 2. Regional Geography	Sept. 26	Europe	<i>Hobbs, Ch. 4</i>		Online Discussion 2: Business Opportunities – Europe.
	Oct. 3	Russia	<i>Hobbs, Ch. 5</i>		Online Discussion 2: Managing Political Risk
	Oct. 10	Middle East and North Africa	<i>Hobbs, Ch. 6</i>	Assignment 4. Aswan High Dam	
	Oct. 17	South and East Asia	<i>Hobbs, Ch. 7</i>	Assignment 5. Taiwan and “One China Policy”	
	Oct. 24	Oceania and Antarctica	<i>Hobbs, Ch. 8</i>	Course project preparation	
	Oct. 31	Sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Hobbs, Ch. 9</i>	Course project preparation	
	Nov. 7	North and South America	<i>Hobbs, Ch. 10-11</i>	Course project preparation	
	Nov. 14	Course Project Presentation		Prepare Course Project Report and Slides	
	Nov. 21	Thanksgiving			
	Nov. 28	Course Project Presentation		Prepare Course Project Report and Slides	
	Dec. 5	Final Exam	Comprehensive		