

Colorado State University (Pueblo), Hasan School of Business
ECON 491 – Geography of World Economy
TTh 2:00-3:20, HSB 108

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Overview: This class will explore world regions and the geographical dimension of economic activities. Students will examine various industries and events at different spatial scales (global, regional, local) to better understand the dynamics of the world economy.

Learning Materials: No textbook required. A variety of learning materials will be assigned, most available on the internet. Students are encouraged to subscribe to the *Economist* and the *Wall Street Journal*.

Course Format: This will *not* be a traditional lecture class. Instead, we will utilize a modified “blended learning” or “flipped classroom” approach (see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blended_learning and/or http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flip_teaching for details).

Grading Components:

- **Quiz Scores (30%)** To encourage attendance and participation students will be asked to demonstrate comprehension of assigned study materials and discussion topics throughout the term.
- **Research Paper (50%)** Students will prepare a proposal and produce a research paper on an approved topic involving the geographic dimension of a particular industry, company or product.
- **Presentation (20%)** Students will share research findings in one of two ways: (i) oral presentation in class or (ii) production of a short video.

Grading Criteria

Exams, assignments and the final will be assigned numeric scores and I’ll track a percentage for each course component. The weighted average of these percentages will determine your final grade.

- >=90% to receive an A
- >=80% to receive a B
- >=70% to receive a C
- >=60% to receive a D

Classroom Etiquette

Professional behavior is expected at all times. Disruptive behavior in the classroom will not be tolerated. Anyone causing a disturbance will be asked to leave the classroom and will receive a zero on the next graded assignment. Multiple infractions will result in referral to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs.

Special Accommodations

Some students may require special accommodation, for a variety of reasons, to achieve learning objectives. I will do my best to facilitate such requests on an individual basis. Please email to make arrangements.

Court of Appeals

If a student is unable to attend class, misses an exam or fails to complete an assignment the score or grade assigned will be zero. Depending on circumstances, a make-up opportunity may be granted. Students may also request a review if an exam or assignment score seems unfair. The Court of Appeals will only accept requests submitted via email to provide a communication trail and avoid misunderstandings.