

Colorado State University (Pueblo), Hasan School of Business, Spring 2017

## **ECON 320 – Geography of World Economy**

Section 1: MW 2:30-3:50 (HSB 110); Section 2: MW 11:15-12:35 (HSB 101)

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**Overview:** This class will explore the geographic dimension of economic activities. Students will examine various industries at different spatial scales (global, regional, local) to better understand how location can provide economic advantage or disadvantage. In addition, students will gain familiarity with key cities, countries and regions and the important role they play in shaping the global economy.

**Course Materials:** Assigned newspaper and magazine articles, videos, etc. (No Required Textbook)

**Course Objective:** Instill in students an **understanding of the global business environment**, a key learning objective specified in the HSB mission statement.

**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](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blended_learning) and/or [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flip\\_teaching](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flip_teaching) for details). Classroom discussions and group activities will provide an important opportunity to learn through participation and interaction. Discussion topics will occasionally be political in nature as economic activities are inseparable from political context.

### **Grading:**

There will be **3 midterm exams** and **1 comprehensive final exam**. Each exam will include questions designed to assess your understanding of assigned course materials, classroom discussion topics and World Geography. Students are expected to attend class and participate in discussions and activities.

### **Grading Criteria**

Each grading component will be assigned a score expressed as a percentage. The weighted average of these percentages will determine your final grade. Standard grading thresholds will apply, i.e.,  $\geq 90\%$  will earn an A,  $\geq 80\%$  a B,  $\geq 70\%$  a C,  $\geq 60\%$  a D, and  $< 60\%$  an F.

### **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. 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. Please email or visit during office hours to make arrangements.

**Court of Appeals**

Students may request a review of an exam or assignment score and make-up opportunities may be granted depending on circumstances. Please appeal via email to avoid miscommunication.

**Course Outline** (subject to revision):

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Region</u>
1	Intro to Course and World Regions	World
	20th Century Europe	Europe
2	European Union and Sovereign Debt	Europe
	20th Century Russia	Russia and Central Asia
3	Vladimir Putin’s Russian Oligarchy	Russia and Central Asia
	Oil and Conflict in the Middle East	Middle East
4	The Islamic State and Syria	Middle East
	Palestine and Israel	Middle East
5	Review and Midterm Exam 1	
6	Population Growth in India	South Asia
	20th Century China	East Asia
7	Rise of China	East Asia
	Natural Disasters & Lost Decades in Japan	East Asia
8	Asian Tigers and Manufacturing	Southeast Asia
	The Trans-Pacific Partnership	Southeast Asia
9	Review and Midterm Exam 2	
10	Spring Break	
11	Resource Extraction in South America	South America
	Mining in Chile, Oil Drilling in Ecuador	South America
12	Migration	Central America & Mexico
	Drug Cartels in Mexico	Central America & Mexico
13	Immigration Policy on the Mexican Border	North America
	Energy Policy: Keystone XL and DAPL	North America
14	Review and Midterm Exam 3	
15	Finals Week - Comprehensive Final Exam	