

BUTTE COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

GEOG 5 - Economic Geography

3 Unit(s)

Prerequisite(s): NONE

Recommended Prep: Reading Level IV; English Level IV

Transfer Status: CSU/UC

51 hours Lecture

Examines the world-wide patterns and locational tendencies of economic activity, including mining and agriculture, manufacturing and the service industries. Emphasizes the relationships among physical landscape, human landscape and the economic activity.

II. OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. describe the relationship between the geographic distribution of natural resources and the economic development.
- B. identify the politics and economics of consumption.
- C. demonstrate how the objectives of industrial and post-industrial societies can be achieved within the limits of our natural resources and ecological systems.
- D. recognize "globalization" and its effects on economics and international monetary policies.

III. COURSE CONTENT

A. Unit Titles/Suggested Time Schedule

Lecture	
<u>Topics</u>	<u>Hours</u>
1. Introduction to Economic Geography	6.00
2. Primitive Economic Activity	6.00
3. Intensive Subsistence Agriculture	6.00
4. Commercial Farming	6.00
5. Grain Farming, Livestock Grazing and Specialty Crops	3.00
6. Fishing and Forestry	6.00
7. Commercial Mining and Energy Development	6.00
8. Manufacturing Industries	6.00
9. Urban and Transportation Development	6.00
Total Hours	51.00

IV. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- A. Lecture
- B. Class Activities
- C. Homework: Students are required to complete two hours of outside-of-class homework for each hour of lecture
- D. Discussion
- E. Reading Assignments
- F. Multimedia Presentations

V. METHODS OF EVALUATION

- A. Exams/Tests
- B. Quizzes
- C. Oral Presentation
- D. Maps
- E. Newspaper Articles

VI. EXAMPLES OF ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Reading Assignments
- B. Writing Assignments
- C. Out-of-Class Assignments

VII. RECOMMENDED MATERIALS OF INSTRUCTION

Textbooks:

- A. Stutz. World Economy. 5th Edition. Pearson, 2007.
- B. Rubenstein. Contemporary Human Geography. Pearson, 2008.

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