

TIMETABLE ARRANGEMENT: Annual; 1st Semester

CREDITS: 6

COURSE TEACHER(S): Dr. Frank VAN DER WOUDEN

ASSESSMENT:

EXAMINATION 60 %	COURSEWORK 40 %
• 2 hours	• 10 individual weekly reflections • 1 individual essay

OBJECTIVES:

Understand this globalizing world, from human-geography approaches, with special emphasis on urban, economic and social issues.

COURSE SYNOPSIS:

This course introduces students to the processes and spatial patterns of economic development and social changes in an increasingly urbanizing world. Important subjects to be discussed include the geographical dynamics of economic development, the trend of economic globalization versus local development, the location issue in various economic sectors, geopolitics and the new world order, as well as social and environmental concerns in the urbanization process. Emphasis will be placed on the geographical explanation of economic development and emerging urban issues in this rapidly changing world.

Students will write short weekly reflections of an assigned reading, an essay and an exam.

LECTURE TOPICS:

- New geographies of development
- Global vs. local and states vs. multi-national corporations
- Capitalist market economy & free trade
- Foreign Direct Investment & Multi-national corporations
- Global Capital and Finance
- Migration & Labor
- Geo-politics
- Economic Growth & Development
- Environmental Issues of Development
- Winners & losers in a globalizing and urbanizing world

RECOMMENDED READING LIST:

- Knox, P., Agnew, J. and L. McCarthy 2007 (5th ed.) The Geography of the World Economy. London: Hodder

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs) After completing this course, students would be able to:		Alignment with Programme Learning Outcomes (PLOs)*						Course Assessment Methods
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	have comprehensive vision of globalization	✓				✓		Weekly reflections, essay & exam
2	gain an understanding of global-local interactions and their impacts on our daily life		✓					Weekly reflections, essay & exam
3	understand basic process of urbanization and its variations and impacts		✓					Weekly reflections, essay & exam
4	associate world development with local development issues					✓	✓	Weekly reflections, essay & exam
5	achieve an awareness of local specific development trajectories		✓					Weekly reflections, essay & exam
6	comprehend basic perspectives of urban geography and economic geography			✓				Weekly reflections, essay & exam

***Geography Major Programme Learning Outcomes (PLOs)**

In order to meet the demands and challenges in this dynamic and ever-changing world, the Department has designed a series of well-structured and contemporary courses to cater to the different interests of students. Its courses are designed to align with the University's educational aims which hope to nurture future generations not only with a critical and intellectual mindset, but also with a passion to contribute to society in general.

After completing the programme, Geography Major students should be able to:

PLO1 critically analyse the geographical aspects of the relationship between people and the natural environment;

PLO2 demonstrate and develop an understanding of how these relationships have changed with space and over time;

PLO3 identify, collect and utilize primary and secondary data to investigate and analyse the issues and problems facing people, places and society;

PLO4 integrate, evaluate and communicate information from a variety of geographical and other sources;

PLO5 participate in promoting social, economic and environmental sustainability at the local, regional and global scales; and

PLO6 effectively apply a range of transferable skills in academic, professional and social settings.