

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number:** GEO 225      **Credits:** 3

**Course Title:** Economic Geography

**Course Description:**

Introduces the subfield of human geography by focusing on the key interactions of people, space, and economics. Familiarizes students with economic, geographic, political and demographic factors that impact international target markets and trade activity. Focuses on levels of development, urban areas, globalization, and international trade. Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in Co-requisites ENG 111 and EDE 11. Lecture 3 hours. Total 3 hours per week. 3 credits

**General Course Purpose:**

To explain the spatial configuration of economic activities, the process of uneven geographical development, and the role of state, market, and civil society agents in management of the economy. This course will satisfy a social/behavioral science elective or general elective.

**Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in Co-requisites ENG 111 and EDE 11.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, students will be able to (show through discussion and writing that they)

- Have developed an understanding of the capitalist economy and its relations to unevenness through a geographic lens;
- Have learned how economic processes must be understood within the context of global and local environmental, socio-cultural, and political processes; and
- Can think critically about economic processes through inferences, analysis, and conclusions.

**Major Topics to Be Included:**

- A geographical approach to understanding economic processes and policy
- Uneven development
- Commodity chains
- Technologies vs. distance
- Consumption
- Labor power
- Culture and eco geography
- Gender economies

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