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Economic Geographies

UEL_5_EGE

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Level 5



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1. MODULE DETAILS

Module Title:	Economic Geographies
Module Level:	5
Module Reference Number:	UEL_5_EGE
Credit Value:	20 Cat Points
Student Study Hours:	200
Contact Hours:	60
Private Study Hours:	140
Pre-requisite Learning (If applicable):	None
Co-requisite Modules (If applicable):	None
Course(s):	BA (Hons Human Geography)
Year and Semester	Year 2, Semester 1
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Subject Area:	Human Geography
Summary of Assessment Method:	100% Coursework

2. SHORT DESCRIPTION

This module examines key debates and themes across the sub-discipline of economic geography.

3. AIMS OF THE MODULE

The module aims to provide students with a broad knowledge of debates and themes within economic geography and the contested approaches to understanding patterns and processes of economic change and labour market development.

4. LEARNING OUTCOMES

4.1 Knowledge and Understanding

Students will be able to:

- Demonstrate detailed knowledge of well-established academic theories and concepts developed by economic geographers studying processes and patterns of uneven development across a range of scales.
- Demonstrates critical thinking and understanding of the way global economic geographies impact upon local labour markets.

4.2 Intellectual and Research Skills

Students will develop intellectual and research skills so that they can:

- Explore existing debates and data to identify patterns and relationships in work and employment.
- Uses appropriate theoretical models to judge the significance of the geographies of economic change.

4.3 Practical Skills

- Convey complex arguments through written essays.

4.4 Transferable Skills

- Is aware of their capabilities in key areas and engages in development activity through guided self-direction.

5. ASSESSMENT OF THE MODULE

The assessment for the module is:

- Group seminar presentation (25% of assessment; 15 minutes): This will explore thematic areas introduced in the lecture series. These will be in **Week 12, Friday 13th December 2019**
- Essay (75% of assessment; 3,000 words): Students will write an essay that demonstrates a critical engagement and review of debates within economic geography scholarship

This essay must be submitted through **Moodle** by **Friday 10th January 2020**.

5.1 Group seminar presentation (25% of assessment)

Here is some clarification regarding the 'group presentations' part of the assessment, which in terms of the overall assessment for the module contributes 25%. The group will get one mark for the presentation and both members of the group will get that mark.

Assessment criteria:

- Knowledge and understanding of the subject area
- Evidence of critical analysis and evaluation
- Structure and coherence of arguments presented
- Presentation skills and timekeeping.

5.2 Essay question (75% of assessment)

Students will write an essay that demonstrates a critical engagement and review of debates within economic geography scholarship (75% of assessment; 3,000 words).

This essay must be submitted through Moodle by **Friday 10th January 2020**.

Please choose one question from the following list to write your answer on:

To follow shortly!!

Assessment Criteria

At all levels of student work, key areas of assessment are:

1. Knowledge of the topic - ideas, concepts, policy measures and institutions
2. Analysis of issues and an awareness of different viewpoints
3. Evaluation of competing explanations or theories applied to a problem
4. Ability to identify relevant sources of evidence, both empirical and theoretical, and to use these to produce an informative referencing system
5. Skill in the presentation of an answer with accuracy, clarity and coherence.

6. FEEDBACK

Students will receive written feedback normally within 15 days from the date of submission date which will be made through the Moodle system. A sample will also be looked at by an external examiner for evaluation and approval.

7. INTRODUCTION TO STUDYING THE MODULE

7.1 Overview of the Main Content

The module will introduce students to the main concepts and ideas that economic geographers have developed.

7.2 Overview of Types of Classes

The module will be delivered through a combination of lectures, small group workshops and site visits. Students will be expected to come to seminar sessions prepared to discuss their readings and ideas with their tutors and colleagues.

7.3 Importance of Student Self-Managed Learning Time

It is important that students manage their own study time outside of the taught programme. The anticipated teaching and learning will be achieved through the following indicative hours of activity:

Contact hours:	45
Student managed learning hours: (including e-learning)	155 200

7.4 Employability

Students will learn develop their understanding of processes of economic change and labour market dynamics that will help inform their long-term employment choices and strategies.

8. THE PROGRAMME OF TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

The module will be taught through a series of lectures and seminar discussions. In addition, lab based sessions will be used to develop students GIS mapping skills and the application of statistical techniques to the assessment of local employment characteristics. Themes include: the changing character of the capitalist economy; capitalist economies and uneven development; geographies of manufacturing and global production networks and commodity chains; state strategies for economic development; the globalization of finance – placeless money; workers and the power to shape labour conditions; and employment futures and alternative ways of working.

	Date	Lecture Topic	Tutor
1	27 th Sept	Week 1: Introduction to key concepts and debates	PP
2	4 th Oct	Periodising and spatializing capitalism	PP
3	11 th Oct	New economic geographies after Fordism	PP
4	18 th Oct	The state and regional economic strategies	PP
5	25 th Oct	The uneven geographies of finance	SE
6	1 st Nov	World cities and global financial centres: Singapore and New York	KM
7	8 th Nov	Directed study week	
8	15 th Nov	Global circuits of property development	SE
9	22 nd Nov	Cities, the cultural economy and the creative class	KM

10	29 th Nov	Clustering	KM
11	6 th Dec	Agglomeration economics	KM
12	13 th Dec	Group seminar presentations	KM/PP
		<i>Winter Vacation</i>	
13	10 th Jan	Essay Assessment Hand-in Date, via Moodle VLE Friday 10 th January 2020	

9. STUDENT EVALUATION

This module in its earlier form proved extremely popular with students for many years. Consequently there are no major changes proposed to the module and it will continue to build upon past good practice.

10. LEARNING RESOURCES

Moodle – The Virtual Learning Environment

This module, like all University modules, is supported by its own Moodle site.

10.1 Core Materials

Barnes, T. J and Brett Christophers (eds) (2018) *Economic Geography: A Critical Introduction* (Critical Introductions to Geography)

Sokol, M (2011) *Economic Geographies of Globalisation: A Short Introduction*, Edward Elgar

Yuko Aoyama, James T. Murphy & Susan Hanson (2011) *Key Concepts in Economic Geography*, Sage

Coe, N., Kelly, P.F and Yeung, H.W.C (2013) *Economic Geography*, Wiley, London

Leyshon, A., Lee, R., McDowell, L and Sunley, P (eds) (2011) *The Sage Handbook of Economic Geography*, Sage. London

Mackinnon, D and Cumbers, A (2011) *Introduction to Economic Geography*, Pearson, Harlow

Lee, R and Wills (J) (eds) (1997) *Geographies of economies*, Edward Arnold

Bryson, J et al (eds) (1999) *The economic geography reader*, Wiley

Barnes, T.J., Peck, J., Sheppard, E and Tickell, A (eds) *Reading Economic Geography*, Blackwell, Oxford.

Cloke, P., Crang, P and Goodwin, M (eds) (2013) *Introducing Human Geographies (Third Edition)*. London: Routledge

Daniels, P., Bradshaw, M., Shaw, D and Sidaway, J (eds) (2012) *An Introduction to Human Geography*. London: Pearson

Gregory, D., Johnston, R., Pratt, G and Watts, M (eds) (2009) *The Dictionary of Human Geography*. London: Blackwell-Wiley

Clifford, N.C., Holloway, S., Rice, S.P and Valentine, G (eds) (2009) *Key Concepts in Geography*. London: Sage

Hubbard, P and Kitchin, R (eds) (2011) *Key Thinkers on Space and Place*. London: Sage

10.2 Other Materials

Journals

Economic Geography

Local Economy

Regional Studies.

Area

Geoforum