



Syllabus

Term: 2026/27/1 **Subject name:** Economic Geography **Subject code:** AFOLNA2201

Unit (Unit code) Institute of Geography and Earth Sciences (FOLDRAJZ)

Lecturer responsible for the course: Dr. TRÓCSÁNYI András

Requirement: Exam

Classes per week : 2/0/2

Classes per term: 26/0/26

Purpose of education:

The aim of the course is to introduce the students into the world of economic geography, providing an insight into its structure, research topics, current issues and methods. Its primary goal is to present the structure and the historical background of nowadays economies. It is also important to give an insight about the new global disciplines of economic geography. After the successful completion of the course, students are expected to be able to understand many of the models of economic geography and its theory. It is also among the missions to introduce the practical, applied aspect of economic geography, in order to make practical sense of the topics. The student will be able to collect data, make economic geographic analyses and understand the literature of the economic geography independently. Learning outcomes: students are going to obtain a basic overview and a useful knowledge in the discussed disciplines of economic geography. They can make basic analysis of the economy and understand the relationship of its fields. On successful completion of the course students are expected to be able to comprehend the main trends and models of economy and compare the countries by many dimensions of their economic activity. Students will be able to present the economic structure of a country.

Contents:

Milestones of the lecture Week 1 Introduction to the requirements of the subject. The theoretical concept of economic geography and its place in the system of sciences. The structure of the economy and the sectoral distribution of the economic activity Week 2 The model of economy and the role of the place and distance in the distribution of economic activity, the interactions of economic actors. Economic geographic aspects of the spatial distribution of resources (international trade, motivations, trade theories) Week 3 International division of labour. The flow of capital from the view of economic geography Week 4 Territorial aspects and periods of economic development (the ways of overcoming space, the role of technology and innovation, the role of environment) I. The historical and recent forms of economy Week 5 Territorial aspects and periods of economic development (the global-local paradox, national economies in the global space) II. Globalisation and the emergence of the world economy Week 6 The role of natural resources in the formation of the spatial structure of the economy, with special regard to the role of mineral resources and energy carriers Week 7 The quantitative and qualitative factors of population and their connections in the view of economic geography Week 8 Spatial distribution and factors of agriculture in a worldwide context Week 9 The changing spatial distribution of the industry. Theoretical issues of industrial location choice and the role of global value chains. Territorial consequences of industrial restructuring Week 10 The phenomenon of tertiarization in the economy. Spatial disparities and the social impact of occupational restructuring. The role of research and innovation in the development of economy Week 11 The role of communication and transport in the global economy. Accessibility as a factor of competitiveness Week 12 Tourism as a pillar of the service-based economy. The



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concept, system and global trends of tourism Week 13 The role of economic policy and regional policy in the forming of the territorial distribution of economy

Milestones of the seminar

Week 1: Introduction; detailed explanation of semester requirements. Production, consumption, and the market from an economic geography perspective. Week 2: The sectoral structure of the economy, its analytical framework, and spatial characteristics. Methodological frameworks for data collection in economic geography. Week 3: The role of economic environmental analysis in economic geography research. PEST and STEEPLE models; the concept of competitiveness and its natural, social, and economic dimensions. Week 4: Data and trend analysis in economic geography; overview of related data sources, data downloading, and organization. Use of base and chain indices. Practical task in trend analysis 1. Week 5: Trend functions and their interpretation, preparing forecasts, writing textual summaries based on practical examples. Practical task in trend analysis 2. Week 6: Foreign trade and capital movements in today's global economy: flows and channels. The most important organizations and actors. The structure of global trade by country and product groups. Week 7: First written examination. Economic geography dimensions of population size and spatial distribution. Framework and main indicators of demographic analysis. Week 8: Economic challenges of an ageing society using Europe as an example. The changing role of human resources. Migration and the labour market. Week 9: Multidimensional analysis of the structure of trade. Data collection and key indicators. Statistical analysis of the main elements of trade structure. Presenting trade structures using visualization tools and data presentation. Week 10: Economic geography interpretation of economic crises. Economic cycles and their various dimensions. The role of colonization in the formation of the world economy. The role of natural resources in the formation of the spatial structure of the economy, with special regard to the role of mineral resources and energy carriers. The role of raw material-exporting countries in the world economy. Infrastructure and its development in the economy. Week 11: Regional economic aspects of agriculture, industry, and the service sector. Australia and New Zealand; the EU's agricultural policy. The role of the tourism sector. Modern industrialization in Asia, Japan and the subsequent waves. Innovation and R&D in the core of the world economy. The United States as a prime example of a post-Fordist, highly tertiarized economy. Source analysis. Week 12: Second written examination. Writing of make-up and retake tests. Week 13: Country presentations.

System of examining and valuation:

Students can earn their credits by accomplishing both lecture and seminar: The lecture will be completed by a written test. The written examination (test) of lecture will take place during the exam period (50%). The seminar is completed by (50%): two written examination (test), taking place during the term, outcome of the tasks during the term (Trend Analysis, Trade Analysis, Source Analysis and Poster Preparation, Country Presentations). The tests are based on lectures, seminars, presentations and the provided literature. Most common questions in the structure of the written examination are: definitions, relationships, recognizing figures, analysis. Grading scale: just less than 50% = 1 50 to 64.99% = 2 65 to 74.99% = 3 75 to 84.99% = 4 85 +% = 5



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Bibliography:

Reading assignments: M. Sokol (2011). Economic Geography. London, United Kingdom: University of London.

Bibliography:

Recommended texts: D. Grigg (1995): An Introduction to Agricultural Geography (2nd ed.). New York, USA: Routledge Publishing. ISBN: 0-415-08442-3