

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

Course Prefix and Number: GEO 225

Credits: 3

Course Title: Economic Geography

Course Description: Familiarizes the student with the various economic, geographic, political, and demographic factors that affect international target markets and trade activity. Prerequisites: English placement recommendation for ENG 111 and satisfactory completion of ENG 4 if required by reading placement test. Prerequisite or Co-requisite: ENG 5 or ENG 107 if recommended by reading placement test. Lecture 3 hours per week.

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 Objectives:

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

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

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. A geographical approach to understanding economic processes and policy
- b. Uneven development
- c. Commodity chains
- d. Technologies vs. distance
- e. Consumption
- f. Labor power
- g. Culture and eco geography
- h. Gender economies

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: August 15, 2011