

## Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)  
**Faculty/Institute/College** Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSO 261 **Course Title** Economic Geography
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** None
5. **Type of Course** Elective course for International Studies concentration
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** Not yet specified

7. **Course Description**

The basic concepts of economic geography. Physical and demographic conditions of economic activities. Spatial location in relation to agriculture, industry and other forms of economic activity. Core and periphery. Historical changes in the world economy. Economic globalization in geographical perspective.

8. **Course Objective (s)**

- (i) To give students an overview of the basic concepts of economic geography.
- (ii) To encourage students to think critically about contemporary issues of spatial location.

9. **Course Outline**

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	The basic concepts of economic geography	4	TBA
2	Physical and demographic conditions of economic activities. Natural resources. Population	4	
3	Spatial location in relation to agriculture. Rent gradients. Land use	4	
4	Spatial location in relation to industry	4	
5	Location in the global economy. Basic concepts. Cores and peripheries	4	
6	Review. Mid - term examination	4	
7	Historical changes in the world economy	4	
8	Technology transitions and patterns of economic growth	4	
9	Economic globalization in geographical perspective	4	
10	Trade and development	4	
11	Limits to growth	4	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	

NB. The lecturer reserves the right to vary the topics as he see fit.

10. **Teaching Method (s)**

Lectures; questions and answers; classroom discussions.

## **11. Teaching Media**

Notebook of lecture summaries.

## **12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement**

(i.e. Grading scheme) : Grades given according to a fixed scale (Students receiving marks of 90% and above will receive letter grade A; those receiving less than 50% will fail, etc. Borderline cases (45 - 50%) may be passed if the student's attendance record, punctuality, and classroom demeanor have been exemplary.

## **13. Course evaluation**

(i.e. Grading components) : Evaluation will be based on a long essay and two examinations (Mid-term / Final), each carrying 1 / 3 of the marks.

## **14. Reference (s)**

- (i) Brian J. L. Berry, Edgar C. Conkling, and D. Michael Ray. *The Global Economy in Transition*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Prentice - Hall, 1997.
- (ii) Paul Knox and John Agnew. *The Geography of the World Economy*. Edward Arnold, 1989.

## **15. Instructor (s)**

To be announced

## **16. Course Coordinator**

Dr. Peter Smith