

Syllabus AAEC 4710/6710  
RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH  
Spring Semester, 2012

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Course Homepage: [www.georgiastats.uga.edu/c4710.html](http://www.georgiastats.uga.edu/c4710.html) (check this often!)

Time: 12:30 – 1:45, Tuesday and Thursday

Office Hours: 9:00 - 11:00

Location: Room 210, Conner Hall

Course Description: A study of transition in the rural economies of industrialized countries. The course incorporates various theories of regional economic growth and development with methods of regional analysis. Arguments for and against government intervention in the rural/regional economy are examined.

Course Objectives:

1. To use economic theory to analyze problems of rural and regional development.
2. To acquaint students with some tools that are useful in the analysis of rural and regional development.
3. To examine the role and ability of government policies to influence rural and regional growth and development.

Textbook and Course Materials:

*Required* – Shaffer, Ron, Steve Deller and Dave Marcouiller. 2004. Community Economics, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Ames, Iowa: Blackwell Publishing.

Also, there are readings in the form of magazine and journal articles and chapters from books. These materials are placed on the class website as pdf or html files.

Laptops: Use is not allowed during class time, because YouTube tends to distract neighboring students.

<u>Grading: 4710</u>	2 quizzes (10 points each)	20 points	
	2 problem sets (5 points each)	10	"
	First exam	20	"
	Second exam	25	"
	Final exam	25	"
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<u>Grading:6710</u>	2 quizzes (5 points each)	10 points	
	2 problem sets (5 points each)	10	"
	Paper	20	"
	First exam	20	"
	Second exam	20	"
	Final exam	20	"
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Grading: A > 93; A- 90-93; B+ 87-90; B 83-87; B- 80-83;  
C+ 77-80; C 70-77; C- 65-70; D 60-65; F < 60

Attendance for quizzes and exams is not optional and no make-ups are given unless you have a doctor's note about a medical problem or an emergency. In order to encourage class attendance, some pop quizzes may be unannounced.

Paper: Each graduate student will write a paper on a topic to be agreed upon with the instructor. The paper will be 15-20 pages in length. It must be on a topic related to rural development, and it must apply knowledge gained in this course. It should be fully documented and prepared following standard research paper style, similar to what you see in a typical article in an economics journal (e.g., see Chicago Manual of Style).

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated in this class. Students are expected to be familiar with University regulations in *A Culture of Honesty* found at <http://www.uga.edu/~vpaa>. Claims of ignorance of the regulations are not a defense against a charge of dishonesty.

Final Exam: The exam will be at the University's scheduled time for this course.

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Course Outline

Note set 1: Defining Community Development, Historical Transition of Rural America

Note set 2: Growth Theories

Note set 3: Space and Community Economics

Note set 4: Concepts of Community Economics

First Exam

Note set 5: Land and Labor Markets

Note set 6: Financial Capital Markets

Note set 7: Nonmarket Amenities, The Role of Local Government

Note set 8: Institutions and Society

Note set 9: Policy and Decision-Making

Second Exam

Note set 10: Descriptive Tools of Community Economic Analysis

Note set 11: Input/Output analysis

Note set 12: Agriculture and Natural Resources in the Rural Economy

Note set 13: Business Development as a Rural/Regional Development Strategy

Final Exam