Economic Geography and Demographic Grounds of Tajikistan

Course # HUSS 1031

Credits 3

Course Description

This course explores the geography and demography of Tajikistan, highlighting their links to the country's economic development. The focus on economic geography encompasses topics such as demography, the perception and utilization of spaces, and the sustainable management of natural resources in both Tajikistan and the broader Central Asian region. Key themes, including resource exploitation, water utilization, industry, agriculture, population and labor resources, and cross-boundary relations and exchanges, are examined throughout the course. The aim is to deepen students' understanding of Tajikistan's role within Central Asia by exploring its economy, environment, natural resources, demography, and development prospects. Through the study and analysis of these topics, students gain evidence-based insights into the geography, economy, and demography of the country. Additionally, students learn how to connect empirical data with theoretical frameworks and critically interpret various sources.

Course Learning Outcomes and Objectives

Upon the completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Explain how the geographic features of Tajikistan (Central Asia) are linked with natural resources, agriculture, industry, and infrastructure.

- Explain the salient features of Tajikistan's natural resource potential and relate the ways the resources are used to livelihood strategies and development

- Analyse sources to unpack human-environmental relations in the context of natural resources use, and socio-economic activities

Course Assessments and Grading

Item	Weight
In-class Participation/discussions	15%
Reflections (Written)	15%
Quiz	30%

Group project and Presentation	15%
Final exam	25%