

**Economics 508** (Transition Economic Systems) is being proposed for two GEC categories: Third Writing and Social Diversity in the non-Western World. As a writing course, Economics 508 will develop students' skills in the oral articulation of ideas as well as their critical and analytical abilities in reading demanding texts and synthesizing ideas. They will go through a process of choosing a topic, researching and developing it in conjunction with meetings with the course instructors. Students will ultimately be assessed through a final paper and presentation.

As an international course, Economics 508 will help students become educated, productive, and principled citizens of their nation and world through an understanding of economic, political cultural, and social differences among the nations of the world, including a specific examination of non-Western countries experiencing economic transition. Students will show progress in developing these ideas through regular homework assignments covering the assigned reading in the course.