



Department of Economics Course Outline

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| | | Term: | Fall 2011 |
| Course: | Economics 337 [Development Economics] | Section: | 01 |
| Time: | TR 11:00 – 12:15 | Place: | ICT 114 (ICT Lecture Theatre #2) |
| Instructor: | T.M. Horbulyk, Ph.D. | | |
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Textbook(s):

Todaro, Michael P. and Stephen C. Smith, *Economic Development*, Eleventh Edition, Boston: Pearson Addison-Wesley, 2012.

Book(s) on Reserve:

A list of specific topics and required readings will be provided in the first week of lectures, including a list of books on reserve.

Course Content:

The course will examine economic development and the economic problems and potential of developing economies.

Learning Objectives: Through their work in this course, students are expected to be able to:

- describe the nature and meaning of economic development and underdevelopment, in general, and as these terms relate to residents of specific developing countries;
- illustrate the role of economics as a discipline capable of creating and analyzing alternative approaches or solutions to promote development;
- explain the major development problems, choices and opportunities currently faced by developing economies;
- select, assess and justify specific policy choices that developing countries and developed countries might make to achieve developing countries' economic and social objectives;
- analyze, synthesize and evaluate information drawn from available data and appropriate theoretical tools, and to express their ideas orally and in writing in both individual and group work.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

The final grade that each student receives will be based on the following weighting scheme:

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| Assignments (three) | 45% |
| Mid-term Examination | 15% |
| Class participation | 10% |
| Final Examination | <u>30%</u> |
| | 100% |

Group Work

At the beginning of the term, students will organize themselves into groups of up to four students each. All three of the assignments will be done as group projects. Each group will submit only one set of answers per assignment.

When groups hand in an assignment or term paper, I will ask each member of the group to assess the relative contributions of the other group members. These assessments will be used to determine the individual's score relative to the group score.

(a) Assignments

There will be three assignments, each of which is to be submitted at the *beginning* of class on the date due. In exceptional cases they may be handed in *before* that date to the instructor personally. Late assignments will be given a score of zero, although you may still wish to have the work corrected and returned without a score being recorded. Note that the grading of your writing will be a factor in the evaluation of your performance in this course.

All submitted work must meet the university's standards for intellectual honesty. Plagiarism, including paraphrasing, copying or misrepresenting someone else's work as your own, without full and scholarly attribution of the original sources, is a serious offence which will *not* be tolerated. Your attention is directed to the "Statement of Intellectual Honesty" in the *2011-2012 Calendar*.

(b) Examinations

The mid-term examination will be held in class on a date to be announced. The final examination will be scheduled by the Registrar and will last two hours. It will be a comprehensive examination of all material covered in the course. All examinations will be closed-book. Students will *not* be allowed the use of calculators or other aids during any examination.

(c) Course Grades

A numerical score will be determined for each item of work submitted and a final (weighted) numerical score will be determined. A course letter grade will be assigned based upon the following conversion chart for final percentage scores:

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| A+ | 90 - 100 | B | 73 - 76 | C- | 60 - 62 |
| A | 85 - 89 | B- | 70 - 72 | D+ | 57 - 59 |
| A- | 80 - 84 | C+ | 67 - 69 | D | 50 - 56 |
| B+ | 77 - 79 | C | 63 - 66 | F | 0 - 49 |

A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a student to pass the course as a whole.

Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (including the mid-term exam) should discuss their work with the instructor *within fifteen days* of it being returned to class. Regraded work stands an equal chance of having a higher or lower score assigned. Any term work which is *not returned* during regular class time may be collected from the instructor during office hours.

(d) Absence from Examinations

Make-up examinations and deferred examinations will not be given *except in the case of the Final Examination, where this possibility is provided for in the university's Academic Regulations*. Examinations will not be given *before* the indicated examination date. For further information see the *2011-2012 Calendar*.

(e) Academic Accommodations

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course

(f) Blackboard website

This course will make use of *Blackboard*. Students who are registered in the course can log on at <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/>

I welcome any comments you may have about the course during the term. When something is not clear during a lecture, do not hesitate to ask questions or to come see me during office hours.

Other Resources:

Office of the Student Ombudsperson
Robert Clegg, JD, LL.M
Phone: 403-220-6420
Email: ombuds@ucalgary.ca

Students' Union Vice-President, Academic
Ola Mohajer
Phone: 403-220-3911
E-mail: suvpaca@ucalgary.ca

Students' Union Faculty Representatives
(Arts)

Ben Cannon
Raphael Jacob
Kelsy Norman
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Phone: 403-220-3913
E-mail: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca,
arts2@su.ucalgary.ca,
arts3@su.ucalgary.ca,
arts4@su.ucalgary.ca

Society of Undergraduates in Economics

E-mail: sue@ucalgary.ca www.ucalgary.ca/sue/

The Society of Undergraduates in Economics is a student run organization whose main purpose is to assist undergraduate economics students succeed both academically and socially at the University of Calgary. Services include access to the exam bank, career partnerships with the Career Centre through hosting industry nights and information sessions, recognizing achievements in teaching, and organizing social events for members. They invite you to join.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate Programs Office) at (403) 220-5881 or visit them in their new space on the 3rd Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Students' participation in this course, including the receipt and delivery of course material is regulated by provisions of Alberta's [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#).

In case of emergency evacuation of the classroom, ICT114, the designated assembly point is the Food Court in the Social Sciences Building.

Safewalk/Campus Security: 403-220-5333

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