



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Summer 2010
Course:	Economics 337 [Development Economics]	Section:	60
Time:	TR 18:00 – 20:50	Place:	ST143 (subject to change)
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Textbook(s):

Required: Todaro, Michael P. and Stephen C. Smith, *Economic Development*, Tenth Edition, Boston: Pearson Addison-Wesley, 2009.

Book(s) on Reserve:

None.

Blackboard:

This course will make use of blackboard – students who are registered in the course can logon at <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/webapps/login>. Note that Blackboard features a class email list that I will use. Please make sure that Blackboard uses the email of your choice. The default is your University of Calgary email address.

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The course provides an introduction to selected issues in economic development including theory, evidence and policy. We will focus on the key areas of public policy debate. The aim is to learn how to see these issues in an analytical way. We begin by studying the characteristics of developing countries, and then move on to various aspects: growth, inequality, poverty, education and economic institutions. Then we turn to global issues: the basic arguments for sustainable development and globalization, the critique (if any) of these arguments, and the role of policy in a global environment. You must be comfortable with simple algebra and graphs.

I will follow the topics in the textbook. However, there will be some topics which I will cover more formally and will rely upon class notes in addition to the textbook. The following is a tentative list of topics we will discuss. If there are any topics you would like to see covered, please let me know.

1. Economic Development: Overview (Chapters 1 and 2)
2. Models of Growth and Development (Chapters 3 and 4)
3. Poverty, Inequality and Development (Chapter 5)
4. Human Capital and Development (Chapter 8)
5. Economic Institutions and Development (Lecture notes)
6. Sustainable Development: the Environment (Chapter 10)
7. International Trade and Development (Chapter 12)
8. Population Growth and Rural-Urban Interactions (tentative) (Chapters 6 and 7)

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Course grades will be determined as follows:

Assignments	30%
Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam	40%

You will have at least one week to complete each of the assignments. Assignments must be turned in at the **start** of class on the day that they are due. Late assignments will not be accepted. I encourage you to work together in the assignments, but each person must write up and submit their own assignments.

The midterm exam is scheduled for the regular class session on Tuesday July 27, 2010. Deferred midterm exams will not be given. Students who are unable to write the midterm because of illness or personal emergency will have the midterm weight shifted to the final. Appropriate documentation is required in all such cases.

Tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, then converted to letter grades. The course grade is then calculated using the weights indicated above. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will generally apply:

A+	90 – 100	B	72 – 75	C-	56 – 59
A	85 – 89	B-	68 – 71	D+	53 – 55
A-	80 – 84	C+	64 – 67	D	50 – 52
B+	76 – 79	C	60 – 63	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.

Non-programmable calculators WILL be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations.

There will be a Registrar scheduled final examination, lasting **2** hours.

Tests and exams WILL NOT involve multiple choice questions.

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Notes:

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor *within seven days* of the work being returned to the class.
- 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 *seven (7) days* after the start of this course.

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