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EC 316
DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

The course is an introduction to the analysis of the rather complicated domestic and international causes of economic, as well as social and political, problems faced by developing countries. Within this context it covers a wide variety of topics, ranging from growth theory to poverty, trade, and policies for sustainable development.

Learning Objectives:

At completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand the major problems faced by developing countries;
- Understand the contemporary theories of economic development;
- Evaluate and comment on empirical findings regarding economic development;
- Discuss and analyze different domestic and international policies for economic development.

Required Textbook:

Todaro, M. and S. C. Smith. 2012. *Economic Development*. Boston: Pearson

Course Requirements:

Midterm (March 19th)	35 percent
Final (May 6th)	35 percent
Paper (May 2nd)	30 percent

There are no make-ups for the tests and no extension for the paper assignment.

Course Outline:

- Introduction
Chapters 1-2

<http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/47487/1/World%20happiness%20report%28lsero%29.pdf>

<http://www.kellogg.northwestern.edu/research/fordcenter/documents/tabellini102907.pdf>

- Theories of Development
Chapters 3-4

http://jeffsachs.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Why-Nations-Fail_Sachs-Review.pdf

- Poverty and Human Capital
Chapters 5 and 8

http://c96268.r68.cf3.rackcdn.com/Lancet-LIDCCCommissionOnMDGs_130529180911473.pdf

<http://www.nyudri.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/unfairtoafrika.pdf>

<http://www.crop.org/viewfile.aspx?id=501>

- Population Growth
Chapters 6

<http://jpubhealth.oxfordjournals.org/content/32/2/150.full>

- Agriculture and Environment
Chapters 9 and 10

http://www.econ.yale.edu/~nordhaus/homepage/documents/Nordhaus_Copenhagen_2010_text.pdf

- International Aspects of Development
Chapters 12-14

<http://www.cepal.org/publicaciones/xml/4/9074/lcl1571i.pdf>

- Development Policy
Chapter 11 and 15

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1944-8287.2012.01177.x/full>

Term paper topic: “Climate Change and Food Security in Developing Countries”

The paper is limited to 15 pages (double spaced), including a moderate number of charts and tables. You need to pay attention to use primary sources for data and not to cut and paste tables and charts from other sources.

Preliminary readings for the term paper (due date: 2/5):

http://unctad.org/en/docs/osgdp20111_en.pdf

<http://agecon2.tamu.edu/people/faculty/mccarl-bruce/papers/1091.pdf>

http://unctad.org/en/docs/osgdp20111_en.pdf

[http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/hlpe/hlpe_documents/HLPE_Reports/HLPE-Report-3-Food security and climate change-June 2012.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/hlpe/hlpe_documents/HLPE_Reports/HLPE-Report-3-Food_security_and_climate_change-June_2012.pdf)