

ECO3460
DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS
First Term, 2017-2018

Time	Monday 8:30AM – 11:15AM
Place	Esther Lee Building (ELB) LT4
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Course Description

The goal of this course is to understand the economic problems of developing countries by using economic theories and their applications. The course will cover both the macroeconomics and microeconomics approaches to development economics. We will first overview the theories of growth and discuss their potential in explaining income differences across countries, and then move to study the different facets of human development: poverty, nutrition, health, education, risk, institutions and history.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, students are expected to be able to:

1. Outline the main theories and concepts in development economics;
2. Summarize and evaluate empirical work in development economics;
3. Make judgements about what policies the government should (or should not) pursue to foster economic development.

Prerequisites

It is definitely an asset if you took a course in basic micro and macroeconomics before. A statistics course is a prerequisite. Though Econometrics is not a prerequisite, you will be expected to be willing to familiarize yourself with basic econometric methods.

Course Website

Please check regularly the course website through CU eLearning System for the following information:

- Lecture notes
- Problem sets and solutions
- Information on office hours

- Posting of grades

Textbook

Ray, Debraj (1998) *Development Economics*. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press.

We rely on Ray (1998) as the theoretical foundation for the topics available in the textbook but for evidence we rely on journal articles, which will be cited and summarized in the lecture notes.

Grading Policy

Homework (45%): 15% X 3

- Submission: please place your homework (handwritten or a printed hardcopy) in my Assignment Box near the General Office (ELB 928) before/on the due date.
- There are no make-up homework assignments. Late submission will lead to a deduction of 10 marks (out of 100) per day of lateness for the assignment concerned. The teacher reserves the right not to accept any assignments submitted 5 calendar days beyond the given deadline, since the answer of problem sets will be uploaded to the course website.
- The due dates have been listed in the syllabus and will be posted on the course website. Therefore, please make sure to keep track of the deadlines for these assignments.

Final exam (55%): The closed book final exam will be held on **TBA**, as scheduled by the registrar. It is expected to be between December 9 and December 23. The final exam will cover only the material presented after the midterm.

- Be sure to arrive punctually for these exams. **NO** additional time will be given to students who arrive late.
- There will be **NO** make-up examination. The only exceptions are for serious medical emergencies. Upon a proper doctor's notice, a make-up exam will be scheduled.

Honesty in Academic Work

Honesty and integrity are integral components of the academic process. Disciplinary actions for dishonesty cases have been strengthened. Students are advised to read the guideline at:

<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>

Communication

The most efficient way to communicate with me is through emails. If you need to meet with me another time beside my office hours, please email me in advance to set an appointment. Announcements will be posted on the class website.

Course Schedule

Online lecture notes will be uploaded onto the course website.

Date	Topic
11/09	Economic Development: Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 2 in Ray (1998)
18/09	Economic Growth Theories I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 3 in Ray (1998)
25/09	Economic Growth Theories II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 4 in Ray (1998)
09/10	Economic Inequality and Poverty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 6, 7 and 8 in Ray (1998)
16/10	Population <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 9 in Ray (1998)
23/10	Rural and Urban <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 10 in Ray (1998)
30/10	Land Market <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 11 and 12 in Ray (1998)
06/11	Labor Market <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 11, and 13 in Ray (1998)
13/11	Credit Market <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 11 and 14 in Ray (1998)
20/11	Frontier Study I: the Deep Roots of Comparative Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal articles
27/11	Frontier Study II: Political and Economic Bifurcation between China and Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal articles