

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT I
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Registration:

You are responsible for ensuring you are registered in the correct courses. If you are not registered in this course, the Department will not release any of your marks until your registration is corrected. You may check your timetable by using the Login on the Student Services website at <https://student.uwo.ca>. If you notice a problem, please contact your home Faculty Academic Counsellor immediately.

Prerequisite Note:

The prerequisite for this course is **Economics 1021A/B and 1022A/B or 2001A/B**. You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites, and that you have not taken any anti-requisite courses. Lack of prerequisites may not be used as a basis for appeal. If you are found to be ineligible for a course, you may be removed from it at any time and you will receive no adjustment to your fees. This decision cannot be appealed.

If you find that you do not have the course prerequisites, it is in your best interest to drop the course well before the end of the add/drop period. Your prompt attention to this matter will not only help protect your academic record, but will ensure that spaces become available for students who require the course in question for graduation.

Course Objectives:

This course examines economic development: what does economic development mean, what happens in the process of development, and what factors promote or hinder the development process? The emphasis will be on features common to developing countries and the development process, but on occasion it will be useful to discuss particulars of specific countries or regions.

The course concentrates on issues that lend themselves to economic analysis. Topics covered include the measurement of development, theories of growth and development, human resource issues (population growth, labor markets, education and health) in developing countries and the extent of global inequality and poverty. Central planning vs. reliance on markets to foster growth and the relation between economic development and environment would also be a part of the discussion.

By the end of the course, students will be able to define what economic development is and what it is not. They will recognize that not all developing countries are the same due to different assets/resources/government systems. Students will be able to evaluate the different assets, resources, limitations of various developing countries, and recommend appropriate policies to advance development.

Course Learning Outcomes:

- Students will be able to identify many of the characteristics of developing countries and evaluate the impact of development policies on individual and social welfare.
- Students will be able to apply economic reasoning, methods and models effectively to evaluate developing countries.
- Students will be able to apply economic concepts and theories to critically analyze common issues in developing countries.
- Students will be able to identify the strengths and weaknesses of various development models.
- Students will be able to identify the equilibrium in the Solow Model and understand how and why the equilibrium changes.
- Students will be able to identify many human development issues in developing countries as well as formulate policies to improve key statistics.
- Students will choose an assignment where they research a developing country or topic, identify the problems facing the country and suggest policies to improve social and individual welfare, relating these policies to class content.

Textbook:

The main textbook (referred to below as “Text”) is a custom package (coursepack) prepared specifically for our class based on the book, Michael Todaro and Stephen Smith, *Economic Development*, 12th Edition (Pearson Education, 2014). You may also buy the full edition if you are taking both semesters.

Text website: http://www.pearsonhighered.com/todaro_smith

Grading:

There will be two assignments, one midterm, and one cumulative final exam. The due dates for the assignments, the date of the midterm exam and the weight for each evaluation are presented below.

Evaluations	Date	Weight
Assignments' due dates	February 12, March 19	20%
Mid-term Exam	February 24	35%
Final Exam	TBD	45%

Homework assignments are due at the start of class, on the respective due dates.

There will not be any make-ups for assignments and midterm examinations. For all missed exams, you must take the required documentation to Academic Counselling as soon as possible, preferably within **48** hours of the exam. For medical accommodations, you must print off a Student Medical Certificate and take it to the doctor, which you then bring to Academic Counselling. The medical certificate can be found at https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform_15JUN.pdf. If the instructor and Academic Counselling accept your documentation, then the percentage for that exam will be allocated to the final exam. For missed exams you must notify your instructor no later than 24 hours after the end of the period covered by the Student Medical Certificate, or else the instructor will assign a grade of zero.

Preliminary Reading Schedule:

Material likely will be added or deleted as the course progresses.

1. Introduction Chapter 1
2. Comparative Economic Development Chapter 2
3. Case study
4. Economic Growth: Concepts and Models Chapter 3
5. Inequality and Poverty Chapter 5
6. Case Study
7. Population Growth Chapter 6
8. Case Study
9. Education & Health Chapter 8
10. Case Study

Copyright:

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Please Note
Department Policies for 2019-2020

Remember that the University expects all students to take responsibility for their own Academic Programs. Students should also check their registration to ensure they are enrolled in the correct courses.

1. Guidelines and policies for the Faculty of Social Science and the Department of Economics are posted online in the current Western Academic Calendar at:
<http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca>.
2. Students must familiarize themselves with the “Rules of Conduct for Examinations”
http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/exam/administration.pdf.
3. **Cheating as an academic offence:** Students are responsible for understanding what it means to “cheat”. The Department of Economics treats cheating incidents very seriously and will investigate any suspect behavior. Students found guilty will incur penalties that could include a failing grade or being barred from future registration in other Economics courses or programs. The University may impose further penalties such as a notation on an official academic transcript, suspension or expulsion.
4. **Plagiarism:** Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. When taking an idea/passage from another author, it must be acknowledged with quotation marks where appropriate and referenced with footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is an academic offence (see Scholastic Discipline for Undergraduate Students in the Western Calendar at http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_20).

Western University uses software to check for plagiarism and students may be required to electronically submit their work. Those found guilty will be penalized as noted in point 3.

5. It is a Department of Economics policy that **NO** assignments be dated, stamped or accepted by staff. Students must submit assignments in class or to the instructor during office hours.
6. When appealing a mark, students should refer to the Student Academic Appeals section in the current Western Academic Calendar at:
http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_14

Please note the relevant deadlines.

The Department will not consider an appeal unless an attempt has been made to settle the matter with the instructor first. Students who remain dissatisfied with the outcome may proceed with a written appeal (e-mails are not acceptable) to the Undergraduate Director in Economics, stating the reasons for their appeal. A checklist is provided at:
http://economics.uwo.ca/undergraduate/program_counselling/responsibilities_policies.html#appeals.

7. Systematic adjustments of a class grade distribution (either up or down) can occur in Economics courses. The fact that grades have been adjusted is **not** grounds for an appeal.
8. Note the following add and drop deadlines:

Deadline to <u>add</u> a second term half course:	January 14, 2020
Deadline to <u>drop</u> a second term half course:	March 7, 2020
9. Faculty of Social Science policy states that oversleeping or misreading an exam schedule is NOT grounds for a makeup. This rule applies to midterm and final exams in the Department of Economics.

Policy on Tests, Final Exams and on Missed Academic Responsibilities

Students who proceed to write a test or examination must be prepared to accept the mark. Rewriting tests or examinations, or retroactive reweighting of marks, is **not** permitted. Students must book travel arrangements AFTER final exam dates have been posted; travel is not an acceptable excuse for absence from a final exam.

Students who are temporarily unable to meet academic requirements due to extenuating circumstances can follow Western University procedures to request academic consideration through the following routes:

- a) Submit a Self-Reported Absence form if the conditions for submission are met (e.g., only for exams or assessments worth 30% or less of the course mark; not applicable to final exams; maximum 2 self-reported absences per academic year; see [link](#) for full list of conditions and info).

If the conditions for submission of a Self-Reported Absence form are not met, then:

- b) For medical absences, submit a Student Medical Certificate (SMC) signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner along with a request for academic consideration to Academic Counselling in the student's home Faculty (see [link](#) for full info) ; or
- c) For non-medical absences (e.g., religious or compassionate), submit appropriate documentation to Academic Counselling in the student's home Faculty (see [link](#) for full info).

It is strongly recommended that students notify their instructors as soon as possible. University policy is that students **must** communicate with their instructors no later than **24 hours** after the end of the period covered by either the self-reported absence or SMC, or immediately upon their return following a documented absence. Failure to follow University policy and procedures may result in denial of academic accommodation and a grade of zero. Students should also set up an appointment to meet with their instructor as soon as possible. If the

instructor is not available, send an email message, copying the Undergraduate Coordinator at econugrd@uwo.ca.

Note: Academic consideration is not normally intended for long-term, recurring absences, an existing disability, or high levels of stress related to academic performance. In such cases, students should consult their academic counsellor. See [link](#) for full information. In all cases, if the documentation submitted to request academic consideration is not acceptable, students will receive a grade of zero for the missed test, exam, or assignment.

For full information about Western University’s policies and procedures for student absences and requests for academic consideration, please visit this [link](#).

Policies Regarding Academic Accommodation

The Faculty of Social Science’s policies regarding academic accommodation is found at http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/having_problems/index.html.

“Academic Rights and Responsibilities” are also outlined in the Western Calendar at <http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=>. Claiming that “you didn’t know what to do” is not an acceptable excuse for not following the stated procedures.

Policy Regarding Class Attendance

If the instructor deems a student’s class attendance as unsatisfactory, that student may be prohibited from writing the final examination. If there is intent to make use of this University policy, the student will be notified in writing.

Statement on Mental Health and Support Services

Students under emotional/mental distress should visit http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/ for more information and a complete list of resources on how to obtain help.