

OIECOX06 – Development Economics

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Semester: 1

Course level: M1 Graduate
Domain: Economics
Teaching language: English
Number of in-class hours: 36
Number of course sessions: 11 + Exam
ECTS: 6

Course description and objectives

This course is an introduction to Development Economics, a subject that deals with the economic transformation of developing countries. Using a mix of simple theory and empirics, the goal is to provide a broad overview of the different topics that Development Economists work on, and a good understanding of both the challenges that developing countries face in their process of social and economic transformation and that individuals confront striving to leave poverty behind.

Topics that will be discussed include: the meaning and measurement of economic development, growth theories, poverty and income distribution, fertility and population growth, education, health and nutrition, agriculture and land markets, labor and migration, the role of geography and institutions. Selected readings within these topics are chosen to highlight the methodologies that development economists use to study these questions and develop the analytical skills necessary to evaluate economic policy choices in developing economies.

The course aims to provide an outline of the main issues underpinning development economics today, by outlining simple theory and providing extensive applied evidence from developing economies.

Prerequisites

This course requires a basic understanding of economic principles.

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course students will have:

- an increased understanding of the development process and the constraints faced by developing economies.
- an increased ability to apply economic tools to analyse problems of underdevelopment and to critically assess the economic policies of developing economies.
- an increased ability to interpret and critically evaluate empirical evidence.

More generally, students will also improve their presentation and personal research skills.

Assignments and grading

Oral presentation (50%) + written exam (50%)

The numerical grade distribution will dictate the final grade. The passing grade for a course is 10/20.

Class participation: Active class participation – this is what makes classes lively and instructive. Come on time and prepared. Class participation is based on quality of comments, not quantity.

Exam policy: In the exam, students will not be allowed to bring any document (except if allowed by the lecturer). Unexcused absences from exams or failure to submit cases will result in zero grades in the calculation of numerical averages. Exams are collected at the end of examination periods.

Course structure

Session	Topic
1	Introduction What is development? Indicators and issues
2	History of thought in Development Economics
3	Explaining Economic Growth
4	Poverty and Vulnerability
5	Inequality and Inequity
6	Impact Evaluation of Development Policies and Programs
7	Institutions and Development
8	Population and Development
9	Agriculture and Land
10	Labor and Migration
11	Human Capital: Education and Health
12	Final Exam

Bibliography

Provided through intranet.

MyCourse

This course is on MyCourse: **Yes**

Academic integrity

Be aware of the rules in Université Paris Dauphine about plagiarism and cheating during exams. All work turned in for this course must be your own work, or that of your own group. Working as part of a group implies that you are an active participant and fully contributed to the output produced by that group.

Academic calendar

Dates (Monday/Sunday)		
02/09/19	09/08/19	Welcome Week + French seminar
09/09/19	15/09/19	1
16/09/19	22/09/19	2
23/09/19	29/09/19	3
30/09/19	06/10/19	4
07/10/19	13/10/19	5
14/10/19	20/10/19	6
21/10/19	27/10/19	7
28/10/19	03/11/19	Holidays
04/11/19	10/11/19	8
11/11/19	17/11/19	9
18/11/19	24/11/19	10
25/11/19	01/12/19	11
02/12/19	08/12/19	Review w.
09/12/19	15/12/19	Exams
16/12/19	22/12/19	
23/12/19	29/12/19	Holidays
30/12/19	05/01/20	
06/01/20	12/01/20	