



## Department of Economics Course Outline

		<b>Term:</b>	Summer 2013
<b>Course:</b>	Econ 337 Development Economics	<b>Section:</b>	L60
<b>Time:</b>	MW 15:00 - 17:45	<b>Place:</b>	ST 126
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**Textbook(s):** Ray, Debraj. *Development economics*. Princeton University Press, 2011.

### **Book(s) on Reserve:**

Ray, Debraj. *Development economics*. Princeton University Press, 2011.

Banerjee, Abhijit, and Esther Duflo. *Poor economics: A radical rethinking of the way to fight global poverty*. PublicAffairs, 2011.

Sen, Amartya. *Development as freedom*. Oxford Paperbacks, 2001.

### **Course Outline:**

The purpose of this course is to provide students with an introduction to development economics. The course will cover neoclassical theories of economic growth as well as perspectives from new institutional economics. The will course will be structured as follows:

- Introduction – Chapters 1 and 2
- Economic Growth – Chapter 3
- New Growth Theories – Chapter 4
- Inequality and Development – Chapter 7
- Rural versus Urban – Chapter 10
- Institutions and Growth – Readings to be determined
- Human Rights and Development – Readings to be determined

**Evaluation:** There will be two assignments worth 15% each, a midterm worth 35% and a final exam worth 35%.

High school level algebra will be used extensively but calculus is not required for this course and will not be used.

**Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:**

Midterm Examinations:	35%
Assignments	30%
Final Examination	35%

Tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, and 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+	95 - 100	B	73 - 76	C-	60 - 62
A	85 - 94	B-	70 - 72	D+	56 - 59
A-	80 - 84	C+	67 - 69	D	50 - 55
B+	77 - 79	C	63 - 66	F	0 - 49

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

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

All students must comply with the regulations published in the University Calendar concerning “Intellectual Honesty,” “Examinations,” etc.

Students who are unable to write the midterm because of an illness, family emergency or religious observance will have the midterm weight shifted to the final examination. Documentation MUST be provided.

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Society of Undergraduates in Economics (S.U.E.):

[www.ucalgary.ca/sue](http://www.ucalgary.ca/sue)

Society of Undergraduates in Economics is a student run organization whose main purpose is to assist undergraduate economics students succeed both academically and socially at the University of Calgary. Services include access to the exam bank, career partnerships with the Career Centre through hosting industry nights and information sessions, recognizing

achievements in teaching, and organizing social events for members. They invite you to join by contacting [sue@ucalgary.ca](mailto:sue@ucalgary.ca).

*Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources*

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS102, call them at 403-220-3580 or email them at [artsads@ucalgary.ca](mailto:artsads@ucalgary.ca). You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at 403-220-5881 or visit them on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them in the MacKimmie Library Block.
- Online writing resources are available at <http://ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support/online-writing-resources>

Notes:

- 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 fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.
- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work should discuss their work with the instructor *within fifteen days* of work being returned to class.

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Emergency Assembly Point: Professional Faculties Food Court  
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