Economics 4784 Economic Development  
Spring 1999  
Class 12:30-1:45 TR - Econ 13  
Professor Poulson  
Office: Econ 108  
Office Hours: 11:00-12:00 TR and by appointment

### COURSE OUTLINE

Required Text: Poulson, *Economic Development: Private and Public Choice*

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| Jan 12      | Introduction to Economic Development  
Basic Concepts and measures                                               | Ch. 1, pp 1-10   |
| Jan 14-21   | Theoretical Approaches to Development Economics  
Neoclassical Growth Models  
Endogenous growth Models  
Alternative Growth Models                                                  | Ch. 2            |
| Jan 26-Feb 11 | Human Resources  
Demographic Change  
Migration and Urbanization and Labor Markets  
Education Health and Human Capital                                          | Ch. 9  
Ch. 10  
Ch. 11 |
| Feb 16      | **Midterm Examination**                                                 |                  |
| Feb 18-Mar 2 | Physical Resources  
Capital Resources and Finance  
Natural Resources and the Environment                                       | Ch. 12  
Ch. 13 |
| Mar 4-16    | The structural transformation  
Agriculture  
Industry                                                              | Ch. 14  
Ch. 15 |
| Mar 18-30   | The International Economy  
Trade                                                                            | Ch. 16 |
| Apr 1       | **Midterm Examination**                                                 |                  |
| Apr 6-15    | Income Distribution, Poverty, and Social Welfare  
Distribution of Income and Wealth  
Poverty  
Social Welfare                                                          | Ch. 7  
Ch. 8  
Ch. 1, pp 10-25 |
| Apr 20-May 3| Political Economy  
Competing Paradigms  
The New Political Economy  
The Pluralist Revolution                                                   | Ch. 4  
Ch. 5  
Ch. 6 |
Thursday May 6
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM Final Examination

Examination and Grading Policy

The midterm exams and the final exam are equally weighted, each count as 1/4 of the final grade. Part One of the final exam will cover chapters Ch. 1 pp 10-25, and Ch. 4-8; it is required for all students. Part Two of the final exam is a comprehensive examination covering all of the chapters on the syllabus. The second part of the final exam is optional for students who have completed all of the examinations for the course; if those students receive a higher grade on the comprehensive than the grade they received on either of the first two midterm examinations then the higher grade will be substituted for the lower grade, if they receive a lower grade on the second part of the final than the grade they received on the two midterm exams then the lower grade will be ignored. Examinations will be given only at the times indicated on the syllabus. If you have a medically excused absence from one midterm examination you are required to take the second part of the final examination. Note that this is the only makeup examination offered in the course, please do not request another makeup examination or to take the examinations at some time other than that indicated on the syllabus.

Term Paper Assignment

Each student is required to write a term paper that will count 1/4 of the final grade. The paper should focus on one of the topics examined in the course, and relate that topic to a specific developing country. The term paper should follow the format for term papers described in standard style manuals. Most importantly the paper should be properly documented, including a bibliography, and footnotes or endnotes.

The term paper should focus on a specific issue that we explore in the course. It should include some empirical content relating that issue to a developing country. You should analyse the issue using the tools of analysis introduced in the course. Finally you should explore some of the policy implications of the analysis, being sure to critically evaluate the policies pursued in the country, and your own assessment of policy reforms that should be introduced.

The schedule for submission of the term paper project is as follows:

Jan 22 Submit tentative term paper topic and bibliography
Feb 5 Submit final term paper topic and bibliography
Apr 16 Submit completed term paper.