

ECON 4784-001: Economic Development

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Class Schedule: MWF 10 – 1:50 am in ECON 119.

Office Hours: M 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. and by appointment.

Textbooks: There is one required textbooks for this class: *Development Economics* by Debraj Ray (Princeton University Press, 1998).

Course Objectives: The persistent disparities in incomes per capita across the world today pose one of the most important questions that confront economists. Yet we still don't know fully the ingredients of sustained economic development. However, thanks to a proliferation of reliable data both at the macro and the micro levels and new methodological tools, such as randomized field experiments, economists have made important strides in helping to answer this question in the last two decades. This is a lecture class that will survey the current state of the development economics field.

Assignments and Grading:

The final grade for the class will be determined as follows:

Midterm 1	25 %
Midterm 2	25 %
Class Participation	15 %
Final Examination	35 %

No makeup exams or substitute grading assignments will be given. The only exceptions are covered by campus guidelines on absences due to religious observance (see below).

Disability Accommodations:

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to me a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner so that your needs may be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact: 303-492-8671, Willard 322, and <http://www.Colorado.EDU/disabilityservices>

Absences due to Religious Observance:

Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to reasonably and fairly deal with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. See full details at http://www.colorado.edu/policies/fac_relig.html If you have scheduling conflict covered by this policy, please let me know at least one week in advance so that we can reschedule the relevant assignment.

Reading List:

<http://www.colorado.edu/Economics/courses/iyigun/E4784readlist.pdf>

Preliminary Course Outline:

<u>Week Starting</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1/12	The Course Mechanics and logistics Introduction & Relevant Facts
1/19	Chapter 2: Facts
1/26	Chapter 3: Economic Growth
2/2	Chapter 3 (continued)
2/9	Chapter 4: 'New Growth' theories
2/16	Chapter 6: Income Inequality
2/23	Chapter 7: Inequality and Development
3/4	In Class Midterm review

3/6	Midterm Exam I
3/9	Chapter 9: Population Growth
3/16	Chapter 13: Labor
3/23	Chapter 8: Health and Economic Development
3/30	Chapters 14 & 15: Credit & Insurance
4/6	Chapters 14 & 15 (continued)
4/13	Chapter 5: What can History Teach Us about Development?

Week Starting

Topic

4/17	Midterm Exam II
4/20	Chapter 5 (continued)
4/27	Chapter 5 (continued)
5/6	Final Examination (7:30 –10 pm)