

Huron Brief Course Outlines

Fall/Winter 2023-2024

Course Title: Introduction to Development

Course Number and Section

CGS

1023F - 550

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Course Description:

This course is an introduction to the interdisciplinary field of global development with the focus on investigating the notion of 'poverty'. Discourses and practices within global development will be examined critically, and the roles of development organizations, states, and civil society in addressing globally identified development issues through the negotiation of global development agendas will also be examined.

Learning Outcomes:

- Reflect on individual positions, places and values within the field of global development and identify personal strengths
- Demonstrate a critical awareness of the historical changes within global development discourse and practices
- Recognize and critically assess diverse meanings of development, underdevelopment, poverty and inequality that are found in the wide range of literature on global development
- Improve reading and understanding of highly theoretical material in the field of global development
- Develop critical analysis and academic writing skills

Textbooks and Course Materials:

A majority of the course readings can be found in Desai, Vandana and Robert B. Potter (Eds). 2014. *The Companion to Development Studies* 3rd Edition, London: Routledge. This book is available as a digital/online copy through the library. Other readings can be accessed through Western Libraries digital archives.

Students will also need to choose ONE of the following for their analytical book review.

Ajak, et al.. 2015. *They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky: The True Story of Three Lost Boys*. New York: Perseus Books Group.

Katz, Jonathan. 2014. *The Big Truck That Went By: How the World Came to Save Haiti and Left Behind a Disaster*. New York: St. Martin's Griffin.

Methods of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Analytical Book Review	Oct 27	20
Marketization of Poverty Presentation	Sept 21 and 26	10
Research Paper Proposal and Preliminary Bibliography	Oct 27	10
Research Paper	Dec 5	30
Final Exam	TBD	30

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Luṅaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.