

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Introduction to global development

Course Number and Section:

CGS

1023G 550

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Course Description:

This course introduces and critically examines the concept of “global development” and the discourses and practices associated with it. The course provides an interdisciplinary, critical perspective on the practices people and institution have enacted in the name of “development.” It does so by placing its main focus on the historically ambiguous relationship between “development” and capitalism.

The main goal of this course is to encourage a critical awareness on “development” as something we do on a global scale. We will explore the ways in which people and institutions cope with the goals of development, particularly when they relate to addressing poverty and social inequality. In order to accomplish this goal, students are asked to reflect on the impact of global development discourses in our daily lives and the ethical responsibility that comes with it.

Learning Outcomes:

Develop a critical understanding of the historically ambiguous relationship between global development and capitalism.

Mobilize (i.e., apply) key concepts in order to understand contemporary discourses and practices of global development.

Outline and demonstrate critical awareness on the ways in which people around the world challenge the very idea of "development."

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Selected Readings available in OWL Course Site.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Class Reflections	Ongoing	15
In-Class Response	Feb. 13	15
Research Proposal	Feb. 29	15
Research Essay	Mar. 28	35

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Final Critical Response	Apr. 4	20

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