

Huron Brief Course Outlines

Fall/Winter 2023-2024

Course Title: Economies of Development

Course Number and Section

CGS

3516F - 550

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Course Description:

This course critically examines tools for assessing development, such as development indicators and indices (GNP/GDP, Human Development/Poverty Indices, Physical Quality of Life Index, Gender Empowerment Measure), community-based indicators, and explanations of economic development in micro and macro contexts. A critical perspective will be used to analyze the validity and usefulness of these tools.

Learning Outcomes:

- Demonstrate analytical knowledge of various economic strains of thought and the evolution of these thoughts in relation to development
- Critically assess and engage with organizational policy literature on global development
- Demonstrate familiarity with existing tools and measures for assessing development
- An ability to present and evaluate some of the key authors in the field of development economics
- Demonstrate and convey these competencies in a clear, critical and reflexive communication style

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Thirlwall, A.P. and Penelope Pacheco-Lopez. 2017. Economics of Development 10th Edition. London: Palgrave.

Students must choose ONE of the following books for your development economist assignment (details below)

Banerjee, Abhijit V. and Esther Duflo. 2011. Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty. 1st ed. New York: PublicAffairs.

Easterly, William. 2007. The White Man's Burden: Why the West's Efforts to Aid the Rest Have Done So Much Ill and So Little Good. New York: Penguin Books.

Max-Neef, Manfred. 1992. From the Outside Looking in: Experiences in 'Barefoot Economics'. Zed Books.

Sachs, Jeffrey. 2005. The End of Poverty: How We Can Make It Happen in Our Lifetime. New York:

Penguin Books.

Sen, Amartya. 1999. Development as Freedom. 1st. ed. New York: Knopf.

Methods of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Forum Participation	Ongoing	20
Critical Reading of Development Economist	10/27/2023	20
Sustainable Development Goal Project Proposal	10/01/2023	10
Sustainable Development Goal Project	12/06/2023	30
Sustainable Development Goal Presentation	11/29/2023, 12/01/2023	20

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