

Economics 4784 Economic Development

Fall 2016

MWF 10:00-10:50 PM

Room: ECON 117

Class Website through Desire2Learn (D2L) <https://learn.colorado.edu/>

No Class: Sep 5 (Labor Day), Nov 25 (Fall Break)

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### Course Description

In this course we will explore empirical, theoretical, and policy issues surrounding economic development. These topics will include theories of economic growth, inequality, poverty, demographic change, migration, as well as characteristics of land, labor, and credit markets in developing countries. Note that the field of development economics is very broad and so an introductory course will naturally vary from instructor to instructor. The approach taken in this course is to touch on many areas of interest to development economists to provide a broad introduction to the field.

Prerequisites: Economics 3070 (Intermediate Microeconomic Theory) or Econ 3080 (Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory).

Optional Textbook: Debraj Ray, *Development Economics*, Princeton University Press, 1998.

### Grading

Midterm 1: 25%

Midterm 2: 25%

Final Exam (cumulative): 40%

Homework, In-class Exercises, Attendance & Participation: 10%

### Class Policies

While there is no required textbook for this course, a significant portion of lectures are based on the textbook listed above. Thus, if you are having difficulty understanding a concept we have covered in class, you may find it useful to consult the textbook. The text covers far more material than will be discussed in class and I will present material in class that is not in the textbook, so it is in your interest to come to class. I will also assign articles from other sources that I would like you to read before coming to class. These assignments will generally be announced in class beforehand, so again, it is in your interest to come to class.

Throughout the semester, we will do exercises that will help prepare you for exams. These exercises will be posted on the course website along with questions that relate to some of the articles assigned for reading. Please do your best to prepare your own responses to these questions prior to class so that we may proceed to discuss your answers as a group. Collect your responses to the discussion questions and exercises at random points throughout the course.







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5. Ray, ch 11, 14.1 14.2, 14.5 (optional)

XII. Review (Week 16 Dec5- Dec9)

FINAL EXAM ( CUMULATIVE):