

ECON 4200 GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS(3 credit hours)

Elmira College

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Required Text:

Michael P. Todaro; Stephen C. Smith (2020). *Economic Development* (13th ed.). Pearson.

Supplemental readings might be included to illustrate or expand on textbook readings.

Pre-requisites: ECON 2043 Macroeconomic Theory II.

Course Description

This course provides an in-depth analysis of economic development theories, policies, and practices. It explores the factors influencing economic growth and development in low-income countries, as well as the challenges and opportunities they face. Topics covered include poverty, inequality, education, health, agriculture, industrialization, trade, finance, governance, and sustainable development. The course also examines the role of international organizations, policies for promoting inclusive growth, and the evaluation of development interventions.

Course Objectives and Goals

- Understand the key concepts and theories in development economics.
- Examine the key determinants of economic growth and the role of institutions.
- Apply economic analysis to real-world development issues and case studies.
- Analyze the theories of economic growth and development and their applicability to different contexts.
- Develop critical thinking and analytical skills through class discussions and assignments.

Evaluation of Performance

Your grade will be based upon your performance on exams, assignments, and participation.

Class Participation	10%
Writing Assignments	30%
Quizzes	30%
Exams	30%
Total	100%

Grades will be assigned as follows:

A 93% and above	B- 80 - 82%	D+ 67 - 69%
A- 90 - 92%	C+ 77 - 79%	D 63 - 66%
B+ 87 - 89%	C 73 - 76%	D- 60 - 62%
B 83 - 86%	C- 70 - 72%	F 59% or below

Withdrawal Policy: Please see Elmira College Bulletin for information on this policy.

Academic Honesty: Please read the section on Academic Honesty in the [Code of Conduct](#). Briefly, academic dishonesty includes: cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, and plagiarism. Ask if you have any questions on whether something constitutes as academic dishonesty. All work must be original and new. Past assignments from current or other courses will not be accepted. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. It will result in zero on the assignment, and a report will be filed with the school. Continued practice will result in failure of the class. Institutional penalties may also apply with repeated acts of academic honesty.

Student Responsibility:

- It is your responsibility to keep track of assignments and due dates.
- You should ask questions concerning assignments and lectures, if you need any clarifications.
- If you are struggling in class, have concerns, and/or unsure about expectations, please stop by during office hours or make an appointment for another time.

Tentative Schedule of Topics

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Tasks & Evaluations</u>
Introducing Economic Development: A Global Perspective	Chapter 1	
Comparative Economic Development	Chapter 2	
Classic Theories of Economic Growth and Development	Chapter 3	Quiz 1
Contemporary Models of Development and Underdevelopment	Chapter 4	Writing A 1
Poverty, Inequality, and Development	Chapter 5	
Population Growth and Economic Development	Chapter 6	
Urbanisation and Rural–Urban Migration: Theory and Policy	Chapter 7	Exam 1
Human Capital: Education and Health in Economic Development	Chapter 8	Quiz 2
Agricultural Transformation and Rural Development	Chapter 9	
The Environment and Development	Chapter 10	Writing A 2
Development Policymaking and the Roles of Market, State, and Civil Society	Chapter 11	
International Trade Theory and Development Strategy	Chapter 12	Quiz 3
Balance of Payments, Debt, Financial Crises, and Sustainable Recovery	Chapter 13	Writing A 3
Foreign Finance, Investment, Aid, and Conflict: Controversies and Opportunities	Chapter 14	
Finance and Fiscal Policy for Development	Chapter 15	Exam 2