



蘇州大學
Soochow University

ECO 319 Principles of Economic Development

Summer 2023

Course Credits: 4

Contact Hours: 55 hours

Instructor: TBA

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course focuses on the study of economic development, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of the theories, policies, and challenges related to the process of economic development in both developed and developing countries. Students will explore various topics such as economic growth, poverty, inequality, institutions, globalization, and sustainable development.

Upon Completion of this Course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the concept of economic development and differentiate it from economic growth
2. Analyze and apply various theories of economic development to explain the processes and determinants of development
3. Critically evaluate the role of institutions, including property rights, governance, and political systems, in economic development
4. Assess the impact of globalization and international trade on economic development, including the effects on income distribution and poverty
5. Evaluate the role of financial systems in economic development and analyze the challenges and opportunities associated with access to finance
6. Examine the importance of human capital and education in economic development and assess policies for improving education and skill development

PREREQUISITES

N/A



GRADING

Grades will be determined by accumulating points, with 100 points being the maximum, as follows:

ITEM	POINTS
Quizzes	20 Points
Midterm 1	20 Points
Midterm 2	20 Points
Final Exam	40 Points
Total	100 Points

Late submissions will be graded at the end of the course. Grades will be assigned according to the following rule:

$$A \geq 90 > B \geq 80 > C \geq 70 > D \geq 60 > F.$$

We reserve the right to make adjustments to the overall grading policy.

COURSE MATERIALS

Required Texts:

Economic Development (12th Edition) by Michael P. Todaro and Stephen C. Smith, Pearson.

Recommended (Optional) Texts or Other Materials:

None

COURSE TOPICS

MODULE	TASKS
Module 1	Topics: Topic 1: Economic Growth and Development Topic 2: Relationship between economic growth and development Topic 3: Measurement of economic growth and development Topic 4: Poverty and Inequality Assessments: Quiz#1



Module 2	Topics: Topic 5: Measurement and determinants of poverty Topic 6: Income distribution and inequality Topic 7: Policies for poverty reduction and inequality Topic 8: Institutions and Development Assessments: Quiz#2
Module 3	Topics: Topic 9: Property rights and contract enforcement Topic 10: Political institutions and governance Topic 11: Trade and Globalization Topic 12: Trade policies and their impact on development Assessments: Midterm#1
Module 4	Topics: Topic 13: Globalization and its implications for developing countries Topic 14: Financial Development and Economic Development Topic 15: Financial sector reforms and their impact on development Topic 16: Education and Human Capital Assessments: Midterm#2
Module 5	Topics: Topic 17: Policies to improve education and skill development Topic 18: Sustainable Development Topic 19: Environmental challenges and sustainable development Topic 20: Climate change and its impact on development Assessments: Final Exam

ATTENDANCE

1) Class attendance is required. Missing classes without permission will lead to decrease in overall grade.

Missing less than two classes: no penalty.

Missing more than two classes: 7% will be taken off from the overall grade.

If the instructor reports a student's frequent missing of class to the Soochow University Academic Administration Office, the student might get a written warning and might be prohibited from attending final exam.

2) Participants in this course are expected to arrive in class promptly and adequately



prepared. The primary objective of this course is to critically engage with the readings and the subject matter. Therefore, course participants are expected to have completed the reading prior to class and prepare thoughtful reflections/commentaries to share with fellow colleagues.

LEARNING REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Late assignments are not acceptable and are subjected to grade deductions.
- 2) Assignments submitted in the wrong format will be counted as not submitted.
- 3) Failure to submit or fulfill any required course component results in failure of the class.
- 4) Make-up for midterm and final exams only with valid excuses, as defined by the University.
- 5) In order to earn a Certificate of Completion, participants must thoughtfully complete all assignments by stated deadlines and earn an average quiz score of 50% or greater.

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

The use of electronic devices in class is distracting, both for the user and for the rest of the class. Only non-programmable calculators can be used in the tests and exam. Any attempts to use cell phones and other electronic communication devices will be seemed as cheating. Laptops are discouraged, unless you use them for activities DIRECTLY related to the course (eg., note taking, reading course documents).

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Soochow University highly values the academic integrity and aims to promote the academic fairness, honesty and responsibility. Any academic dishonesty behaviors and any attempts to cheats and plagiarism will be reported to the university administration office. A written warning and the relevant penalties will be imposed. The record might be shown on the official university transcript.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION

Soochow University is committed to maintaining a barrier-free environment so that



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students with disabilities can fully access programs, courses, services, and activities at Soochow University. Students with disabilities who require accommodations for access to and/or participation in this course are welcome.

Note:

Please contact the University Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material.