

University of California, San Diego
Econ 116: Economic Development
Fall 2014

Class time: TuTh 8:00 – 9:20am, Center 109

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Office hours: Tuesday 10:00am-12:00pm, ECON 318

Course description: This course is intended to provide an introduction to the problems of economic development in the less developed countries and how market based policies might alleviate some of these problems. There is no text for this course. All readings will be posted on Ted.

Problem Sets: You are responsible for all the material and announcements in the lectures. If you miss one, borrow someone's notes. There will be three problem sets. Problem sets will be graded based on completion; answers will be available from Ted a week after they are assigned. The problem sets will serve as practice for the midterm and final and will be most helpful if you attempt to solve them before looking at the answers.

Group Project: For the group project, you will be assigned randomly into groups of at least 5 members. You will work with your group to produce a paper (10-15 pages double spaced). The paper will address a *specific problem* in a developing country of your group's choice, a policy that was aimed at solving that problem and a discussion of whether or not that policy was successful in achieving that goal. Your group should take care in explaining how this policy might be evaluated, whether it addresses the root causes of the problems etc. Groups will be announced after drop period ends. Here's a list of specific problems to choose from:

1. Child labor
2. Deforestation
3. Gender equality

Note: Please do not summarize pre-existing academic or policy papers. While you might use them as a guide, I expect the thinking to be original.

Grading: Your grade will be determined on the basis of problem set completion (10%), one midterm exam (30%), a group project (20%) and a final exam (40%). The final will be cumulative. Important deadlines for the class:

Exam	Date	Venue
Midterm	Thursday, November 13	In Class (70 minutes)
Group Project	Thursday, December 4	Due in class
Final (Cumulative)	Tuesday, December 16	8-11am, location TBA

Review Sessions and TAs: TAs and graders are in charge of grading and review sessions before the midterm and final. It is recommended you attend office hours if you need help with the material.

TA Office hours:

TBD – look for announcements in class/on Ted

COURSE OUTLINE

All readings are mandatory. Readings will be posted a week (or more) before they are expected to be read.

Week 1: Introduction

Week 2: Measurement & Growth

Week 3: Impact Evaluation

Week 4: Institutions and Population

Week 5: Health

Week 6: Education

Week 7: Midterm (*note: Veteran's Day – no class on Tuesday*)

Week 8: Microfinance

Week 9: Agriculture (*note: Thanksgiving – no class on Thursday*)

Week 10: Environment

Week 11: Technology