Course Description

Global economic development has been radically uneven between countries. History has shown this trend to be consistently reliable trend, remaining characteristic of our modern global economy. This course will examine the processes, and mechanisms underlying discrepant international economic development. Students will gain extraordinary insight into the developmental roles of states, social institutions, markets, human and capital resources, international trade, and globalization.

Development can be measured in many ways. Economic measures are perhaps the most widely recognized development indicators. In this course, a myriad of sources and perspectives will be provided as informative tools for students to explore collectively and on their own. Students will actively participate in constructing their own theoretical perspective on development using empirical evidence, critical thought, and conscious dialogue.

Course Objectives

Students will be expected to:
1) Demonstrate an ability to formulate hypotheses and unique perspectives using critical logic and observation.
2) Analyze established theoretical orientations on the causes and consequences of global economic development.

Required Texts


**Any additional readings will be provided via online course reserves

**Americans With Disabilities Statement**
The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services and activities for people with disabilities. If you need accommodations in the class, reasonable prior notice needs to be given to the Center for Disability Services (available online at http://www.sa.utah.edu/ds), 162 Union Building, 581-5020 (V/TDD). DCS will work with you and the instructor to make arrangements for accommodations.

**Grading Overview**

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**Quizzes/Activities**

During the course of the semester, 10 classes will be designated for in-class quizzes or activities worth 10 points each. A missed in-class quiz or activity cannot be made-up. In the event of a pre-arranged excused absence, a 2 page (double spaced) summary of information relevant to the topic covered and must be handed in during the next scheduled class period directly following that of the quiz.

**Introductory Essay – Due February 7, 2012**

This essay is intended to introduce you to some important concepts and issues related to development and globalization. It should be no more than 5 pages (12 pt. font, double spaced). It should also be properly cited where necessary using at least 2 references from legitimate academic sources. Please be conscious of proper grammar and spelling. You must choose one of the following two essay topics:
1. Define ‘development’ and justify your definition. Explain why narrow conceptions of social and economic development may lead to problematic outcomes.

2. How do you conceptualize globalization? What role does economic development play in the process and how are poor countries affected?

**Final Paper**

We’ll cover a breadth of topics in the sociology of economic development and globalization throughout the course. This paper will be an opportunity to explore a specific topic in more detail. It should be **no more than** 10 pages in length (12 point font, double spaced) with a minimum of 5 references from academic sources. This will be discussed in further detail throughout the course.

**Active participation**

In order to stimulate critical thought, students will occasionally be asked to engage in individual and group activities during class.

**Course Outline**

***The instructor reserves the right to modify the syllabus***

- Part 1
  - Introduction: using theory and linking concepts

- Part 2
  - Foundational theoretical perspectives in economics and sociology

- Part 3
  - History of development and globalization

- Part 4
  - Washington Consensus and neo-liberal economic policy

- Part 5
  - Financial investment, structural adjustment & the IMF

- Part 6
  - Public vs. Private & informal employment
Part 7
Political systems and institutions in economic growth

Part 8
Ecological impacts

Part 9
Technology and legal governance

Part 10
The impact of culture

Part 11
The Future: applying theory to policy