California State University, Bakersfield
International Economic Development (ECON 410)

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Course Description:
This course satisfies an upper-division elective requirement of the economics major or minor and Theme 3 requirement of the general education program. In this course, we will study theories and policies of international economic growth and development. Topics include: the structural changes accompanying development, theories of growth and development, impediments to development, urbanization, agricultural development, role of the international sector, role of the government, stabilization policy, and foreign aid and investment. Prerequisite: an introductory course in economics.

Course Objectives:
• To learn the basic concepts and theories in development economics
• To apply the economic concepts and theories to the situation of the developing countries and their relations with the developed nations
• To conduct independent research on the problems and policies of economic development.

Course Materials:

My lecture notes are available on my website under Course Materials. Please download and print as “handout” three to a page for note-taking and discussion.

Course Policy:
Grading System: You are required to attend all class sessions and actively participate in class discussions. Grades will be determined by total percentage points earned in the course, with the points corresponding to each letter grade to be determined at the end of the term. I do not intend to grade on the curve. I will use the following distribution corresponding to each letter grade:

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Assignment Policy:
There will be no make-up exams, quizzes, or assignments. Only compelling reasons with supporting certifications from credible sources will be considered. Exams, quizzes, and assignments cannot be made up for other reasons. Assignments must be hand-delivered to me in the classroom on their respective due dates. Other forms of submission such as sliding under my office door or via e-mail are not acceptable. Late assignments will not be graded. Late arrival to exam or quiz sessions will not receive extra time. If you happen to miss any exams, quizzes, or assignments, your grade will be based on the requirements you have completed. Incomplete grades will not be assigned.

Cheating & Plagiarism:
I follow the university’s policy on Academic Integrity enumerated on page 81 of the CSUB 2007-2009 Catalog. In particular, seemingly identical examinations and assignments will be subject to the cheating and plagiarism policy. The course of action is to assign Failure (F) grades to students caught cheating and for the instructor to report them to the university administration for further disciplinary actions. You must work independently in the completion of all course assignments and examinations. Course requirements including homework exercises, projects, and examinations are not group activities.

Course Requirements:
Course requirements and grade distribution are as follows:

- Mid-term Examination: 30%
- Final Examination: 30%
- Research Paper: 20%
- Video Quizzes: 10%
- Country Study: 10%

Explanation of Course Requirements:
Examinations: There are two examinations in this course. These take-home examinations consist of short essay questions and case studies. The mid-term exam covers Chapters 1-8 and the final exam covers Chapters 9-16.

Research Paper: Each student will choose a development topic to research. Topics should include materials presented in the course applied to a country. Your assignment is to present (1) a written report of your research to me in the form of a 10 to 15 page double spaced typed paper, and (2) an oral report to the class in the form of a 10-15 minutes PowerPoint slide show. Examples of paper topics include:

- Women and Poverty: The Experience of Jamaica
- Privatization and Economic Growth in Mexico
- Income Distribution and Economic Development in Saudi Arabia
- Population Growth and Economic Development: India vs. China
- Effect of Environmental Decay on Economic Development: The Experience of Brazil
- AIDS and Development in South Africa
- Military Conflict and Economic Development: The Experience of Israel
- The Form of Government and Economic Development: The Case of Iran
- Does War Hinder Economic Development? The Case of Iraq
- Trade Strategy and Economic Development: South Korea vs. Argentina
- Poverty Policy: Bangladesh vs. India
- Transition to Capitalism: The Experience of Poland

**Quizzes:** We will watch 10 videotaped presentations on various issues of economic development. While watching a video, you will complete a brief quiz on the subject.

**Country Study:** You choose a developing country to study. You must use the information presented in the textbook and *The World Factbook* to present the country to the class in the form of a 10-15 minute PowerPoint slide show. Your presentation must cover the following topics:

- Geography
- History
- Demography
- Economy
- Impediments and Prospects of Economic Development

You begin your presentation by asking a *question* about economic development of the country and provide with a type-written copy that *question* to be considered for inclusion in the examination.

Use the following guidelines to construct Power Point slide presentations:

- Choose a light background
- Choose a large font
- Copy, paste, and re-size maps and charts
- Place only no more than three items on each slide
- Write each item as a talking-point
- Avoid presenting too much or too little information
- Begin with introduction and a possible exam question
- End with a statement of conclusion about impediments and prospects of economic development

**Important Dates**
First day of class: Monday, March 24, 2008
Last day of class: Monday, June 2, 2008
Midterm Exam: Wednesday, April 30, 2008
Final Exam: 2:00-4:30 p.m. Thursday June 5, 2008
Country Study as scheduled throughout the term
Papers are due: Wednesday May 28, 2008 – oral presentation will be scheduled on week 10
Schedule of Class Activity

Week 1:
Introduction and Course Review
Chapter 1: Economics, Institutions, and Development

Week 2:
Chapter 2: Comparative Economic Growth and Development
Chapter 3: Classical Theories of Economic Development

Week 3:
Chapter 4: Contemporary Theories of Development and Underdevelopment
Chapter 5: Poverty, Inequality, and Development

Week 4:
Chapter 6: Population Growth and Economic Development
Chapter 7: Urbanization and Rural-Urban Migration

Week 5:
Chapter 8: Education and Health Care in Economic Development
Midterm Examination

Week 6:
Chapter 9: Agricultural and Rural Development
Chapter 10: The Environment and Development

Week 7:
Chapter 11: Development Policymaking and Roles of Market, State, and Civil Society
Chapter 12: International Trade and Development Strategy

Week 8:
Chapter 13: Balance of Payments, Developing-Country Debt, and Macroeconomic Stabilization Controversy
Chapter 14: Foreign Finance, Investment, and Aid

Week 9:
Chapter 15: Finance and Fiscal Policy for Development
Chapter 16: Some Critical Issues for 21st Century

Week 10:
Presentation of Research Papers
Final Examination