

School of Development Studies

Ambedkar University Delhi

Course Outline

Course Code:

Title: Development Economics

Type of Course: Elective

Programme Title: MA in Development Studies

No of Credits: 4

Semester and Year Offered: Monsoon, 2017

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Pre-requisites: None

Aim: This course will introduce students to some of the important debates in development economics in both academic and policy arena. Further, this course will explain how economic theory can be used to gain some understanding of the process of growth and development.

Brief description of modules/ Main modules: The course begins with a brief overview of development economics as it developed prior to Adam Smith, and will then trace the emergences of development economics as a distinct stream within the discipline of economics in the post-World War II period. It will introduce students to the debates on growth, poverty, inequality, redistribution and development and trace the strategies and trajectories that developing countries, under different socio-economic circumstances, can possibly adopt. It will discuss the nature of the structural impediments to development, including the functioning of markets for land, credit and labour and the policy implications. The course will also discuss the evolution of the human development framework, the tools and methodologies that have been introduced since the 1990s to support the framework, and the policy debates around related issues.

Assessment Details with weights:

S.No	Assessment	Date/period in which Assessment will take place	Weightage
1	Mid-semester	1 st week of September	40%
2	Class Presentation	2 nd week of October	20%

3	End-semester	Last week of November	40%
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Reading List:

1. Origin of Development Economics – Edited by Jomo K S, and Erik S Reinert
2. Development Economics – Debraj Roy
3. Economic Development – Todaro & Smith
4. Capital in the 21st Century – Piketty
5. Human Development Reports of UNDP
6. World Development Report
7. National Human Development Reports; India Public Policy Report
8. Additional papers/journal articles will also be referred to under different modules.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE: