
Module Outline (Provisional)

**Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Department of Economics**

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Part A. General Information

1. Teaching staff and contact times

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| Class times | Wednesdays 9:40 – 11:50 |
| Pre-requisites | An undergraduate degree in Economics |

2. Module overview

Development economics is the branch of economics concerned with economic development in low to middle income countries. As a field, development economics goes beyond indicators such as GDP or per-capita income, and examines broader issues of human development such as standard of living, health care, education, and equal opportunities. Development economics also concerns itself with issues related to the political economy and how this influences the distribution of resources.

ECO 736/ECO 826 is a postgraduate course in Development Economics. In this module, you will be introduced to advanced topics in Development Economics. In addition, students will learn to interrogate and evaluate the impact of different social and economic policies with the aim of understanding its effectiveness particularly with reference to the South African context.

Part B. Teaching and Learning

3. Teaching and learning activities

There is one two hour lecture that takes place each week. Students are encouraged to actively participate in the class discussions. Course attendance accounts for 10% of the year mark and attendance is compulsory. In addition to this, students are required to submit 10 short essays over the duration of the course. The assignment accounts for 20% of the year mark.

4. Module schedule

25/07/2016 – 31/10/2016

| Week | Topic | In-class teaching and learning activity | Assessments |
|-----------------|---|--|---------------|
| Lecture week 1 | Introduction to Development Economics | Formal lecture | |
| Lecture week 2 | Development Perspectives | Formal lecture Assignment presentations | Assignment 1 |
| Lecture week 3 | Poverty and Inequality | Formal lecture Assignment presentations | Assignment 2 |
| Lecture week 4 | Poverty and Inequality | Formal lecture Assignment presentations | Assignment 3 |
| WEEK 5 | TERM BREAK 26 AUGUST– 4 SEPTEMBER 2015 | | |
| Lecture week 6 | Social Policy - Education | Formal lecture Assignment presentations | Assignment 4 |
| Lecture week 7 | Social Policy – Social Security | Formal lecture Assignment presentations | Assignment 5 |
| Lecture week 8 | Africa's Growth Performance | Formal lecture Assignment presentations | Assignment 6 |
| Lecture week 9 | Emerging Economies | Formal lecture Assignment presentations | Assignment 7 |
| Lecture week 10 | The Role of the State | Formal lecture Assignment presentations | Assignment 8 |
| Lecture week 11 | The Role of the State | Formal lecture Assignment presentations | Assignment 9 |
| Lecture week 12 | Institutions and Social Capital | Formal lecture Assignment presentations | Assignment 10 |
| Lecture week 13 | Revision | Formal lecture | |

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6. Graduate attributes, learning outcomes and assessment

| <u>UWC graduate attributes</u> | <u>Learning outcomes</u> | <u>Teaching / Learning activities</u> | <u>Assessment tasks and criteria</u> | | | | |
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| | | | <u>Oral presentation</u> | <u>Test and exam questions</u> | <u>Tutorials / Assignments</u> | <u>Practical reports</u> | <u>Portfolio</u> |
| Inquiry-focused | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-depth coverage of key issues in Development Economics Advance application of key development concepts | Lectures Class discussion In-class exercises Individual presentations | Yes | All assessments | Assignments | N/A | N/A |
| Critically and relevantly literate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop the abilities to critically evaluate all relevant literature. | Lectures Class discussion In-class exercises Individual presentations | Yes | All assessments | Assignments | N/A | N/A |
| Ethically, environmentally and socially aware and active | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature of the course is of such a nature that students are introduced to environmental, social and ethical issues in an in-depth manner. As such it develops in them an acute understanding of these issues. | Lectures Class discussion In-class exercises Individual presentations | Yes | All assessments | Assignments | N/A | N/A |
| Autonomous and collaborative | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be able to work independently and as a member in a team | Lectures Class discussion In-class exercises Individual presentation | Yes | All assessments | Assignments | N/A | N/A |
| Skilled communicator | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop effective presentation skills | Lectures Class discussion | Yes | All assessments | Assignments | N/A | N/A |

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| | | In-class exercises Individual presentations | | | | | |
| Interpersonal flexibility and confidence to engage across difference | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To work productively in co-operative learning groups | Lectures Class discussion In-class exercises Individual presentations | Yes | All assessments | Assignments | N/A | N/A |

| Assessment | Weight | Date |
|--|---------------|---------------------|
| Presentations 1- 10 | 40% | In class submission |
| Assignment | 20% | 27 September 2016 |
| Module Test 1 | 40% | 23 September 2016 |
| Module Sick Test | | To be announced |
| Exam | | 23 November 2016 |
| Final mark is calculated as: (course mark × 50%) + (exam mark × 50%) | | |
| Exam date will be announced later in the year. | | |

Assignment and Feedback on assessment

Assignments 1-10 need to be submitted on Mondays in the classroom as indicated in the Lecture/Module schedule. Assignments will be marked and returned to the students two weeks after submission.

Students should be informed of UWC policy where the general rule is that assessment tasks should be handed back to students within a period of two weeks. An exception to this may be in the case of exceptionally large classes, in which case students should be informed of the expected date of feedback.

Penalties for late assessments

For the assignments, a 5% per day penalty is imposed for late submissions.

Special Consideration and additional assessments

Special Exams and additional assessments are only allowed under certain circumstances (e.g., on medical or compassionate grounds). Please refer to the UWC General Calendar for all assessment rules.

Students should also be aware of the deadline if there is a need to query the marks received.

7. Evaluation of the learning and teaching on the module

Students will receive a module evaluation form at the end of the semester to evaluate the quality of lectures, tutorials, the lecturer(s), tutor(s) and their self-reflection on their own learning.

Part C. General Information

8. Academic honesty

Assignment 1 is an individual assignment. Students are not allowed to commit plagiarism by copying others' answers. Students committing plagiarism will receive 0%. The matter will be forwarded to the Departmental Head (HOD).