

University of California, San Diego
Econ 116: Economic Development
Spring 2017

Class time: Mondays 5:00 – 7:50pm, Center 115

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Course description: This course is intended to provide an introduction to the problems of economic development in 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 TritonEd.

Weekly Reading Quiz: Each week (starting Week 2), you will be expected to take a short quiz on the assigned readings. Quizzes will be due Mondays at noon. The quiz will range from multiple-choice answers to open ended answers and can be taken from home. These quizzes will be administered on TritonEd and will be timed. You are therefore expected to closely do the readings *before* you attempt these quizzes. These are not group quizzes. Please take these alone. You are expected to follow the honor code when it comes to these.

Class Participation: You will be assigned a week starting Week 3 during which you will be responsible for in class participation. TAs will make the schedule known on Week 2. During the week that you are responsible for the readings, I will call on you in class.

Laptop Policy: Laptops are not allowed in the class, unless you are on call that week. You should take notes by hand, and I will lecture in a way that facilitates note taking.

Class Materials: Slides will be posted *after* lecture each week. TAs will post as many past midterms and finals from the times I have taught 116 on TritonEd. Some questions on these past exams will be relevant, but not all will be since I change what I teach with some frequency.

Questions Regarding Class: This is a large class, and any question you might have, others will also have. Hence, you are asked to first post any question you might have on the discussion page for this class on TritonEd. Unless the question is of a personal nature, *do not email me without trying out the discussion board first.*

Grading: Your grade will be determined on the basis of reading quizzes (20%), class participation (10%), one midterm exam (30%), and a final exam (40%). The final will be cumulative and **MUST** be taken on the assigned day. Please do not ask for a different date. Important deadlines for the class:

Exam	Date	Venue
Midterm	Monday, May 1 st 2017	In Class (90 minutes)
Final (Cumulative)	Friday, June 16 th 2017	7-10pm, 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:

Sameem Siddiqui (sisiddiq@ucsd.edu): Wednesdays 10am-Noon, ECON 122

Diego Vera (dveracos@ucsd.edu): Webmaster, in charge of answering questions online

COURSE OUTLINE

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

Week 1: Introduction, Measurement and Growth Theories

Week 2: Impact Evaluation/Policy Analysis

Week 3: History, Institutions, and Demography

Week 4: Guest Lecture on Indian Health Care System (Health I)

Week 5: Midterm

Week 6: Health II

Week 7: Education

Week 8: Environment & Labor Markets

Week 9: *Memorial Day – no class*

Week 10: Technology & Course wrap up