

**Faculty Liberal Arts and Professional Studies  
Department of Economics**

**Course:** AP/ECON 3550 3.00 Section A  
**Course Webpage:** <https://moodle.yorku.ca>  
**Term:** Fall Term 2019

Economic Growth and Development

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**Lecture Time and Location:**

Wednesdays, 11:30 to 2:30; CLH F

**TA Hours:** TBA

**Prerequisite/Co-requisite:**

AP/ECON 1000 3.00 and AP/ECON 1010 3.00 or equivalents.

**Course Credit Exclusions:**

GL/ECON 3920 3.00, AP/ECON 3559 3.00.

**Course Description:**

This course studies the economic problems of poor countries and poor communities. We will explore the meaning of development by analyzing the characteristics of economic underdevelopment, poverty, income and wealth distribution, rural versus urban development, population growth, and unemployment and migration. Additional topics include theories of development, growth and technological change, strategies for environmentally sustainable development, education, and health.

**Required Course Materials:**

Economic Development, 12<sup>th</sup> Ed., by Michael P. Todaro and Stephen C. Smith

Additional readings may be assigned or recommended during the course.

**Evaluation**

Test 1* (Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5)	25%	October 9
Test 2* (Chapters 6, 7, 8)	25%	November 13
Final Exam (Cumulative with emphasis on chapters 10, 12, 14)	50%	TBA

\*If either in-class test is missed, the weight will be transferred to the final exam (no YorkU attending physician's statement is required).

## Course Add/Drop Deadlines

	Fall Term 2019 (F)
Last date to add a course <b>without permission</b> of instructor (also see Financial Deadlines)	Sept. 17
Last date to add a course with permission of instructor (also see Financial Deadlines)	Oct. 1
Last date to drop a course without receiving a grade (also see Financial Deadlines)	Nov. 8
Course Withdrawal Period (withdraw from a course and receive a grade of "W" on transcript – see note below)	Nov. 9 - Dec. 3

Policy and Guidelines on Withdrawing from Course:

<http://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/withdrawn-from-course-w-policy-and-guidelines/>  
<https://registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/dates/fw19>

### **Policy on Make-up/Deferred Exams and Assignments:**

No permission will be given to a student to write an exam prior to the dates given above. No make-up exam will be given for the in-class tests. The deferred exam for the final exam will be granted **only for medical reasons**. In such cases students should submit a deferred exam application together with the supporting documents (YorkU attending physician's statement) to the economics department to my attention. The date and time of the deferred exam will be set at a later date. Students who may require further extensions or accommodation will have to submit a formal petition to the Faculty.

### **Important Course Information:**

Final course grades given by the instructor will use the standard York grading scale and may be adjusted to conform to Program or Faculty grades distribution profiles. All students are expected to familiarize themselves with the following information, available from the York University website:

- York's Academic Honesty Policy and Procedures (Academic Integrity Website)
- Course requirement accommodation for students with disabilities, including physical, medical, systemic, learning and psychiatric disabilities
- Student Conduct Standards and Grading/Feedback Policy
- Religious Observance Accommodation

### **Topics:\***

Sept 4	Comparative Economic Development (Chapter 2)
Sept 11	Classic Theories of Economic Development (Chapter 3)
Sept 18	Contemporary Models of Development and Underdevelopment (Chapter 4)
Sept 25	Poverty, Inequality, and Development (Chapter 5)
Oct 2	Population Growth and Economics Development (Chapter 6)
Oct 9	Test 1
Oct 16	Reading Week
Oct 23	Urbanization and Rural-Urban Migration (Chapter 7)
Oct 30	Human Capital: Education and Health (Chapter 8)
Nov 6	The Environment and Development (Chapter 10)
Nov 13	Test 2
Nov 20	International Trade Theory and Development (Chapter 12)
Nov 27	Foreign Finance, Investment, Aid, and Conflict (Chapter 14)

\* While supplemental readings may be added during the course of the semester, we will follow the text closely. It is strongly recommended that assigned readings be completed prior to attending class.