

**York University**

**Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies**

**Department of Economics  
Fall, 2020**

**Course # and Title: Economic Policy in Developing Countries: AP/ECON 3569A**

**Course Webpage: <https://eclass.yorku.ca/eclass/course/view.php?id=1325>**

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**Lecture Time and Location:**

Lecture: Mondays and Wednesdays (2:30 pm - 4:00 pm)  
Class Location: Online via Zoom (Link to Zoom meeting will be available on course website)  
TA Virtual hours: To be posted

**Technical requirements for taking the course:**

Please note that this is an online course. The entire course, including the submission of assignments, participation/discussion and test-taking, will take place on the course's Moodle. You will need a computer with a RELIABLE internet connection. Phones and tablets WILL NOT WORK for the test and final exam.

Here are some useful links for student computing information, resources and help:

**Student Guide to Moodle**  
**Zoom@YorkU Best Practices**  
**Zoom@YorkU User Reference Guide**  
**Computing for Students Website**  
**Student Guide to eLearning at York University**

**Course Format and Lectures**

Please note that this is a course that depends on remote teaching and learning. The course will contain both synchronous and asynchronous features. Prerecorded lectures will be posted online well before the class. Students are expected to listen to the lectures and get their questions ready before the regular class meeting time. The first class will be held online at the regular class meeting time. Subsequently, I will be available at 3:00 pm to answer your questions from the recorded lectures.

There will be no in-person interactions or activities on campus. Several platforms will be used in this course (e.g., eclass, Zoom, etc.) through which students will interact with the course materials, the course director / TA, as well as with one another. Please review the syllabus to determine how the class meets (in whole or in part), and how office hours and presentations will be conducted.

Students shall note the following:

Zoom is hosted on servers in the U.S. This includes recordings done through Zoom.

If you have privacy concerns about your data, provide only your first name or a nickname when you join a session. The system is configured in a way that all participants are automatically notified when a session is being recorded. In other words, a session cannot be recorded without you knowing about it.

Technology requirements and FAQs for Moodle can be found here <http://www.yorku.ca/moodle/students/faq/index.html>

**Course Description:** This course is the second part of development economics that builds on the knowledge of development problems facing less developed countries, acquired in the first part, to understand how policies are formulated and how effective they are in putting less developed countries on the path of economic and human development. We will discuss the role of state in development policy and some factors that may act as stumbling blocks for the formulation of right policies and their implementation. In particular, we will study the role of institutions as deep structural determinants of development and development policies. Our focus will be on people-centered economic development so we will learn how economic development is related to inequality, human development, and human security.

**Prerequisites:** AP/ECON 1000 3.00 and AP/ECON 1010 3.00 or equivalents.

Course credit exclusions: AK/ECON 3560 3.00, AP/ECON 3320 3.00, AK/PPAS 3560 3.00.

### **Text / Readings:**

#### **Required Course Material**

*Economic Development*, Michael P. Todaro and Stephen C. Smith

Any edition of the book is acceptable. We will read the second half of the textbook. Additional readings consisting of journal articles will also be assigned during the semester.

#### **Optional Course Material**

*Economics of Development*, (any edition) Perkins, Radelet, Lindauer, Block

### **Course Evaluation:**

**Evaluation:** The evaluation of your performance in this course will be based upon the following components. The contribution of each of these in the final grades will be as under:

Writing Assignments	30%
Take-Home Final Exam	40%
Term Paper	30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

There will be three writing assignments distributed via e-class (previously Moodle). The term paper will be assigned in the first week and will be due by the end of the semester. The take-home exam will be assigned during the official final exam period.

### **Turnitin:**

To promote academic integrity in this course, students will be normally required to submit their written assignments to Turnitin (via the course Moodle) for a review of textual similarity and the detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their material to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used only for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of the Turnitin service are described on the Turnitin.com website.

### **Missed exams/Tests:**

In case you miss the final exam, you will be allowed to write a deferred exam only by completing the *Deferred Standing Agreement Form* and by providing a completed Registrar's Office Attending Physician's Statement.

### **Grading**

The grade distribution will be based upon the total percentage points that you will earn in the semester. The standard cut-off points, provided by York University, will be used to convert percentages to letter grades. These are provided as under:

<b>90-100 A+</b>	<b>80-89 A</b>	<b>75-79 B+</b>	<b>70-74 B</b>
<b>65-69 C+</b>	<b>60-64 C</b>	<b>55-59 D+</b>	<b>50-54 D</b>
<b>40-49 E</b>	<b>0-39 F</b>		

### **List of Topics (tentative)**

1. The role of market, state, and civil society
2. Poverty, Inequality, and Human Development – The role of state policy
3. International trade theory and development strategy
4. Financial crisis and stabilization policies
5. Foreign finance, development aid and conflict: controversies and opportunities
6. Fiscal policy
7. Institutions and development policy
8. Human Security

**Academic honesty:** Conduct that violates the ethical or legal standards of the University community or of one's program or specialization may result in serious consequences. Students should look at the *Senate Policy on Academic Honesty* which is found in the *Academic Integrity for Students* website, <http://www.yorku.ca/academicintegrity/students/index.htm>. You are encouraged to familiarize yourself with this Senate legislation. In particular, students need to have a clear understanding of what is meant by academic dishonesty and plagiarism before submitting their term papers. They are also expected to know the consequences if they are found guilty of plagiarism.

### **Important Dates**

Last date to enroll without permission of course instructor:	September 22, 2020
Last date to enroll with permission of course instructor:	October 6, 2020
Last date to drop courses without receiving a grade:	November 6, 2020
Withdraw from a course and receive a W on the transcript	November 7-December 8, 2020
Course end date	December 8, 2020
Final Exam Period	December 9-23, 2020

**Important Course Information for Students:**

All students are expected to familiarize themselves with the following information, available on the Senate Committee on Curriculum & Academic Standards webpage;

<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/index-policies.html/>

- York's Academic Honesty Policy and Procedures/Academic Integrity Website
- Ethics Review Process for research involving human participants
- Course requirement accommodation for students with disabilities, including physical, medical, systemic, learning and psychiatric disabilities
- Student Conduct Standards
- Religious Observance Accommodation