

INTB 5100
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Course Outline

The economics of development is one of the most exciting areas of study among the social sciences. During the last two centuries, the world has experienced an Industrial Revolution, two rounds of globalization, and unprecedented technological progress. In spite of these advances, a large majority of countries and people live in abject and persistent poverty, and face its natural consequences such as disease, crime, social unrest, and the inability to participate in economic decision-making. Understanding these complex issues forms the core of Development Economics.

The objective of this course is to familiarize students with issues that are fundamental to developing countries. The course begins with a discussion of topics that are "internal" to developing countries, such as population growth, inequality, poverty, sustainable development, education, health, and nutrition. The next step is to examine issues that are "external" to these countries, such as the effects of globalization, financial crises, and environmental change. The underlying theme of the course is to understand public policy and its effects in a global environment.