

**McMaster University**  
**Department of Economics**  
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*Topics in Economic Development*  
*ECON 3T03*

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**Classes: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7.00p.m. to 10.00p.m. at KTH B132.**

**Office Hours: I am usually available in class 15 minutes before and after lecture. In case you need to see me with your queries, please email me and I'll set up an appointment time for the meeting time based on mutual convenience. Special office hours will be held before the midterm and final exam, information related to which will be posted on Avenue before the exam.**

**Course Objectives:**

One of the fundamental issues of relevance in world economy is why some countries remain poor and some continue to prosper? Is there a possible catch up of growth rates and matching of development patterns across the world? This course uses intermediate level macroeconomics and microeconomics theoretical concepts to explain the real life economic growth and development related phenomena across the world.

**Prerequisite for the course:** Theoretical concepts learnt in intermediate level Macroeconomics and Microeconomics courses are essential for learning the course material. Basic Calculus and Algebra methods with graph related knowledge will be required for solving numerical problems.

**Course Material:**

(1) *Economic Growth*: Third edition, David N. Weil, PEARSON CANADA.

(2). **AVENUE TO LEARN Material:** All important information related to the course including course outlines, brief sketches of lectures, assignments, practice problems, grades, and announcements will be posted on AVENUE TO LEARN website. It is your responsibility to check your AVENUE TO LEARN account regularly (at least once a day) for announcements or other material posted on the course site. **The detailed lecture slides will not be available online.** In case you miss a class lecture, please contact the instructor during her office hours.

**Assessment:** The main purpose of this course is to learn how to apply simple theoretical concepts in analyzing practical questions. The evaluation will be mostly problem based. The questions will be analytical types and some of those will require simple numerical calculations. The mark for the course is averaged over a mandatory midterm, three assignments and final examination.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**ASSIGNMENT 1 due date: July 3, 2018 by 7.00p.m.**  
**ASSIGNMENT 2 due date: July 17, 2018 by 7.00p.m.**  
**ASSIGNMENT 3 due date: July 31, 2018 by 7.00p.m.**  
**MIDTERM: July 5, 2018 during lecture hours.**

**FINAL EXAM: August 2, 2018 during lecture hours**

**The duration for midterm and final exam is 2 hours. There will be no class lecture on these days.**

**Syllabus for midterm and final exam will be announced later.**

**The assignments, midterm and final examination will feature short answer type questions.**

**Only McMaster approved calculators (Casio FX-991 MS or MS Plus) are permitted for midterm and final examination.**

**IMPORTANT:**

1. **There will be no make-up midterm, assignment or final examination.** If any student misses the midterm or fails to submit any assignment by the due date and specified time above, the grade will be zero for the midterm or assignment unless the student submits a note of authentication from either Office of Dean/Associate of Social Sciences or from physicians (approved by the Dean's Office) for the missed midterm or MSAF for a missed assignment in which case the additional weight of the missed term work will be assigned to the submitted assignments or final examination as indicated below. The MSAF or the note of authentication must be submitted within 3 days of the missed assignment. Note, MSAF will not be accepted for missed midterm as the weight on the midterm is more than 24%. You should contact your faculty office within 7 days of the missed midterm for the required note of authentication. If you miss the final exam you'll be required to write the exam during the deferred exam schedule in December.
2. In case you miss the final examination you have to write the deferred exam supervised by Registrar's office.  
Please refer to <http://registrar.mcmaster.ca/> for regulations and policies related to missed term work and deferred final examinations.
3. **Grade Distribution:**  
**Assignments: 15% (each worth 5%)**  
**(For each missed assignment: 5% will be distributed over other submitted assignments, provided MSAF is submitted)**  
**Midterm and Final Exam: 35% or 50% (whichever yields better score)**  
**(FOR MISSED MIDTERM: 35% will be transferred to the final exam, provided required documentation is submitted)**
4. Before every examination, ample practice questions will be posted on AVENUE TO LEARN. For a better practice of solving problems, there is going to be an **“in class tutorial session”** during lecture time. During the tutorial, I will take up questions and problems from the text book and other practice questions from time to time to explain the problem solving procedure step by step, in order to make the concepts easier to understand. These practice questions will provide the students with guidelines for midterm/final examination questions.
5. **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY RULES:** It is your responsibility to be aware of the “Statement on Academic Ethics” and “Senate Resolutions on Academic Dishonesty” which is available at Senate office or you can check the website: <http://www.mcmaster.ca/univsec/policy/AcademicIntegrity.pdf>  
For detailed information of plagiarism related issues refer to the following website: <http://www.mcmaster.ca/academicintegrity/students/typeofad/plagiarism/index.htm>.

**Chapters to be covered (tentatively):** Chapters 1 to 11 and 13. Please note, for some chapters only selected portions will be covered as a part of the course material.

**Concluding Remarks and University Guidelines:**

1. For getting the most out of this course grade wise and in terms of learning, active participation on your behalf is essential. In order to make this journey successful, each and every student's cooperation, diligence, sincerity and above all a great deal of interest and involvement in learning the course material are important. This will ensure that we receive the maximum value added from the course.

2. The instructor and university reserve the right to modify elements of the course during the term. The university may change the dates and deadlines for any or all courses in extreme circumstances. If either type of modification becomes necessary, reasonable notice and communication with the students will be given with explanation and the opportunity to comment on changes. It is the responsibility of the student to check their McMaster email and course websites weekly during the term and to note any changes.

**3. FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES E-MAIL COMMUNICATION POLICY**

Effective September 1, 2010, it is the policy of the Faculty of Social Sciences that all e-mail communication sent from students to instructors (including TAs), and from students to staff, must originate from the student's own McMaster University e-mail account. This policy protects confidentiality and confirms the identity of the student. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that communication is sent to the university from a McMaster account. If an instructor becomes aware that a communication has come from an alternate address, the instructor may not reply at his or her discretion.

Email Forwarding in MUGSI:

<http://www.mcmaster.ca/uts/support/email/emailforward.html>

\*Forwarding will take effect 24-hours after students complete the process at the above link

(Approved at the Faculty of Social Sciences meeting on Tues. May 25, 2010)

*Good luck with the course.*