

San José State University
College of Social Sciences / Economics Department

Econ 212, Economic Development Spring, Section 1, 2020

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Prerequisites:	Professor Consent

Class Resources

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on Canvas Learning Management System course login website at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>.

Course Description

Theories of development and underdevelopment. Problems of initiating and sustaining growth. Relations between developed and underdeveloped regions. Economic reform and change in the underdeveloped world.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Apply theory and insights to understand economic growth in developing economies
2. Evaluate government policies to promote growth and regulate international relationships
3. Use microeconomic theory to analyze household behavior

Required Texts/Readings Recommended

Textbook

1. Rodick, Dani and M.R. Rosenzweig *Handbook of Development Economics*, Volume 5. ISBN-13: 9780080931722(Oxford: Elsevier BV, 2010). A pdf version can be found on the class' Canvas website.
2. Todaro, Michael and Stephen Smith. *Economic Development*, 12th ed. ISBN-13: 9781292002972. A pdf version can be found on the class' Canvas website.

Course Requirements and Assignments

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on. More details about student workload can be found in University Policy S12-3 at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf>.

- There are three components to your grade: two exams (40%), in class presentations (30%), and class participation/ quizzes (30%)
- The exams will have short answer questions and be done at home. Each exam is worth 20% of the final grade.
- Students will make several fifteen-minute presentation in class. The presentation will summarize and discuss selected articles.
- Class participation and quizzes will be done on a weekly basis. I will drop students' three lowest scores at the end of the semester.

Schedule of Important Dates

Week	Date	Holidays, Assignments, and Exams
10	3/30	Take Home Exam
10	3/30	No Lecture
17	TBA	Take Home Final

Grading Information

Corresponding letter grades will be assigned as follows:

97% to 100% A plus	93% to 96% A	90% to 92% A minus
87% to 89% B plus	83% to 86% B	80% to 82% B minus
77% to 79% C plus	73% to 76% C	70% to 72% C minus
67% to 69% D plus	63% to 66% D	60% to 62% D minus
F 58% and below		

Assignments submitted one week late will have a grade deduction of 30 percent. No credit is provided for any later submissions.

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>

Economic Development, Econ 212, Spring 2020 Course Schedule

Topic and Assignment Schedule

Following is a schedule for the course. Any changes will be announced in class and through Canvas.

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Date	Topic
2/3	Introduction: Patterns and Measures of Development and Classic Theories of Growth
2/10	Intro: Classic Theories of Growth continued and Contemporary Theories of Growth
2/17	Human Resources and Distribution: Poverty and Inequality
2/24	HRD: Population
3/2	HRD: Urbanization and Rural-Urban Migration
3/9	HRD: Education
3/16	HRD: Health
3/23	Production and Trade: Agriculture
3/30	No Class (Spring Recess) Take Home Midterm
4/6	PT: Agriculture continued
4/13	PT: Manufacturing
4/20	PT: Manufacturing continued
4/27	PT: Trade
5/4	Development Issues: Pollution and Financial Crises
5/11	Checkup Day and Review for Final Exam
TBA	Take Home Final Exam