Course Outline

Course objective and learning outcomes

The main objective of this course is to familiarize student with the most important impediments to growth and development in developing countries along with the major challenges these countries are expected to face in the future. Upon completion of this course students should have a thorough understanding of

- The main sources of economic growth
- Policies for sustained economic growth
- The interaction between education, health, the environment, IT, trade and economic growth
- The recent World Financial Crises and its implications for Developing Countries

Special emphasis will be placed on critical thinking as well as the enhancement of research and writing skills

Course work is divided as follows

Class Participation 10%
A Final Take Home Exam 40%
Term Paper 50%

The length of the paper should be in the range of 15-20 pages (one and half space, Times New Roman 12) and with complete citation (every idea, sentence, paragraph, data, tables etc., should be followed by the source and date from which it was taken and the source should be cited in the References. Beginning of March, each student should have a topic for discussion with the instructor and by mid March each student should have an outline again for discussion with the instructor. The first Draft of the paper should be available for the instructor by mid April.

In additions to the topics listed below, other topics will be introduced if time permits. More articles pertaining to the topics listed below may also be assigned.

Office hours

Thursday from 4:00 to 5:00 other wise by appointment.
Reading List

Introduction


Economic Growth
Factor Accumulation


Jeffrey Sachs, John W. Mcarther, Guido Schmidt-Traub, Margaret kuk, Chandrika Bahadur, Michael Faye and Gordon McCord. Ending Africa Growth Trap.


Endogenous Growth Theory.


Education


Health


Trade and Economic Growth


**Institutions, Culture and Economic Development**


**Economic Growth and the Environment**


**The Digital Divide**


The Financial Crises and Growth in Developing Countries


Globalization


Strategies for Sustained Growth and Country Experience.


