

1. Horario atención a estudiantes, correos electrónicos y nombres de los profesores complementarios
Wednesdays, 2.00 – 3.00pm. W_705

2. Objetivos de la materia

- To provide students with insights into some of the key issues affecting the economic development of countries;
- To stimulate students to study, present and debate their own ideas and analyses of these issues.
- To widen students' perceptions of the world and of the applicability of economic science and to motivate them to retain that perception.
- To provide the opportunity for students to build on knowledge and key skills acquired in earlier years

3. Contenido

1. theories of knowledge, science and social science
2. meaning and measurement of development
3. historical perspectives and dependency theory
4. early theories of economic growth and development
5. contemporary theories of economic growth and development
6. dualism and two-sector models
7. population, labour and rural-urban migration
8. the informal sector
9. inequality and growth
10. agriculture and development
11. trade theory and globalisation
12. primary produce exploitation and resource curse
13. role of government and new institutional economics
14. financial development
15. conflict and terrorism

4. Metodología

The weekly, two hour seminar will consist of a formal presentation by the lecturer, followed by a question and answer session. Students will be required to participate in an on-line debate with students following a similar course in the University of Durham, England and will also be given individual essay assignments and class presentations to prepare.

5. Competencias

Ability to analyse and synthesise

Ability to exercise critical judgement and express an independent opinion

Ability to apply economic theories to case studies
Ability to develop logical argument in debates and essays

6. Criterios de evaluación (Porcentajes de cada evaluación)

- I. On-line debates: first draft paper:15%
Subsequent comments: 15%
- II. Essay assignments:15%
- III. Class presentation:15%
- IV. Final exam of two essays: 40%

7. Sistema de aproximación de notas definitiva

I. ON-LINE DEBATES.

Final year economics students of the University of Durham, England are keen to exchange their views on Development Economics with those of students in the Universidad de los Andes.

Durham students and los Andes students will be paired with each other and will be required to engage in a debate over the period from 31 January to 16 March, 2012. This debate will be conducted via the website: Durham University On-line (DUO).

The debate starts by each student submitting a 1000 word paper on-line by 9 February on one research topic selected from the list below. (Each student must first confirm with Tony Cleaver which question number he/she is to debate.) As the semester progresses it is expected that students will exchange e-mail comments a number of times.

Note that, for assessment purposes, each Los Andes student paired with a Durham team is required to comment on the Durham students' research choice via DUO as well as developing his/her own argument over the period of the debate. (Thus you will need to provide a critique of your opposite Durham team's paper via DUO and also reply to the Durham team's response to your own paper.)

At the end of the debate period, all of the comments students have placed on line will be down-loaded and assessed. (15% on the first 1000 word paper + 15% on subsequent comments.)

Debate topics:

Critically examine the importance of one of the following research topics in development economics. *Relate your answer to the development experience of a country or countries of your choice.*

1. The meaning and measurement of development.
2. Capital accumulation, total factor productivity growth and development.
3. The informal sector and development.
4. The contribution of agriculture to economic development.
5. Causes and consequences of rural-urban labour migration.
6. Inequality and economic growth.
7. Conflict, terrorism and economic development
8. Institutions, geography and colonial origins.
9. Globalisation, trade policies and development.
10. Financial development.

II. ESSAY ASSIGNMENTS

Students will be assigned titles to complete an individual 2000 word essay to be completed by dates to be announced during the semestre.

III. CLASS PRESENTATIONS

Students will be asked to form teams and give a 15 minute group presentation to the rest of the class on themes to be announced during the semestre.

IV. FINAL EXAM

The final exam will consist of two essays (worth 20% each)

8. Bibliografía

Recommended texts:

There are a number of excellent texts available. Development Economics is unique in the sense that there is no agreed consensus on what is the ideal core or framework to this subject – so each text takes a different view. Use whichever text you find most useful.

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Ray, D. (1998), *Development Economics*, Princeton University Press.

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References for each lecture:

1. **Introduction** to a Theory of Knowledge, Science, Social Science and Economics. Course outline. Debates
2. **The Meaning and Measurement of Development:** Terminology; perceptions of development; values and biases; problems of measurement.

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