

**CARLETON UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS  
ECON 4507 – THE ECONOMICS OF DEVELOPMENT  
FALL 2024**

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**Course delivery:** In person

**Virtual office hours:** Wednesdays, 10 am - noon (Zoom) or by appointment. The Zoom link for office hours is available on Brightspace.

Sign up for online office hours here: <https://calendly.com/cuecongrad/2024>.

**Prerequisites:** ECON 2030 with a grade of C- or higher, ECON 2003 (no longer offered) with a grade of C- or higher, and ECON 2103 with a C- or higher grade. Students who believe they have taken a similar background course or courses from another university must provide appropriate documentation to the Department of Economics Undergraduate Administrator.

**Learning Outcomes:** The intended learning outcome is to gain knowledge on selected issues in development economics in terms of theory, evidence, and policy. The course will cover material describing the pattern of economic development and evaluating the impacts of global integration on inequality and poverty. It will i) apply economic theory and statistical analysis to questions pertinent to economic policy in developing countries and ii) discuss the major debates on the problems of underdevelopment.

The recommended textbook is Debraj Ray's Development Economics (Princeton UP, 1998). All other readings will be available at Brightspace or on reserve at the library.

**Course Evaluation:**

Assignments (2)	30%	15% each assignment. Oct 3 and Nov 14, 2024
Midterm Exam:	30%	In-class 3 hours in duration. Oct 17, 2024
Final Examination (cumulative)	40%	3 hr. in-person exam to be scheduled by the University

October 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>: Fall Break, no classes

E-proctoring will not be used for evaluations on this course.



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Late assignments will receive a 10-percentage points penalty for every 24 hours that your assignment is late. Extensions will not be granted except in exceptional circumstances if a self-declaration of illness form is submitted **at least 24 hours** before the assignment is due. The form is available here <https://carleton.ca/registrar/academic-consideration-coursework-form/>

**Satisfactory Performance Criteria:** Students must fulfill all the preceding course requirements to achieve a passing grade (D- or higher).

**Deferred Midterm:** There will be no make-up exam for students who miss the midterm. Students who are unable to write the midterm for a compelling reason will be allowed to add the midterm weight to that of their final exam. A self-declaration form (for short-term incapacitation) or PMC letter of accommodation (for long-term issues) must be provided no later than one week after the midterm exam date.

**Deferred Final Exam:** Students who do not write the final examination because of illness or other circumstances beyond their control may apply to write a deferred final examination by contacting the Registrar's Office no later than three working days after the original final examination was scheduled. If a student writes a deferred examination, the deferred examination will carry the same weight as the final examination in determining the course grade. Any deferred examination will not be identical to the original final examination.

**Topics:** The following outlines the tentative list of significant issues to be discussed throughout the semester. The extent and coverage of each topic will depend on time availability.

1. What is Development? Issues and indicators
2. Poverty, Inequality, and Development
3. Nutrition and Productivity
4. Human Capital Investment: Education
5. Human Capital Investment: Health
6. Labor Markets
7. Urbanization and the Agricultural Sector
8. Credit and Microfinance
9. Insurance

This course will use Brightspace extensively. It is each student's responsibility to check this website for posted material. I will also send the class announcements by e-mail using Brightspace. So, please check your e-mail frequently.



**E-Mail Policy:** I will do my best to respond to e-mail within 24 hours on a weekday. Please use your Carleton email address and include ECON 4507 in the subject line. Please see me during office hours for detailed questions or questions regarding the results of graded material.

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- any submission prepared in whole or in part, by someone else, including the unauthorized use of generative AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT)
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, paraphrased material, algorithms, formulae, scientific or mathematical concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment
- using another’s data or research findings without appropriate acknowledgement
- submitting a computer program developed in whole or in part by someone else, with or without modifications, as one’s own
- failing to acknowledge sources with proper citations when using another’s work and/or failing to use quotation marks.

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**Academic Accommodation:** Carleton is committed to providing academic accessibility for all individuals. You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. The accommodation request processes, including information about the Academic Consideration Policy for Students in Medical and Other Extenuating Circumstances, are outlined on the Academic Accommodations website <https://students.carleton.ca/course-outline/>

As a student, you may experience a range of mental health challenges that significantly impact your academic success and overall well-being. If you need help, please speak to someone. There are numerous resources available both on- and off-campus to support you. For more information, please consult <https://wellness.carleton.ca/>