



University of Münster
School of Business & Economics
The Chair of Political Economy

Bachelor Lecture & Tutorial (Vorlesung & Übung)

Development Economics

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Lecture number in HIS-LSF: 048016

Credits: 6 ECTS (Lecture: 2 SWS; Tutorial: 2SWS)

Language: English

General information

This course offers an introduction to development economics. Development economics studies the processes of economic growth, poverty, inequality, structural change, and political and social transformation in low-income countries. The course language is English.

Prerequisites

The course is open to students in the FB4 interdisciplinary Bachelor programs as well as to Bachelor students in the economics program. There are no formal prerequisites, but introductory knowledge of macroeconomics and microeconomics is recommended.

Schedule

Lecture: Tuesday, SCH 100.2, 10:15–11:45. April 5–July 5, 2022.

Tutorial: Thursday, SCH 100.2, 14:15–15:45. April 7–July 7, 2022

Exam: Tuesday, SCH 100.2, 10:15–11:45. July 12, 2022

Room: SCH 100.2 (CIW building at Scharnhorststr. 100)

Evaluation

Evaluation consists of a 90-minute written exam on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, in room SCH 100.2 from 10:15 to 11:45. The exam will be closed-book and in-person. While all

materials, classes, and exam questions will be provided in English, students can opt to answer the exam in English or in German. Registration for the exam is done via QISPOS.

Contents

Note: dates and contents subject to change.

05.04 **Introduction: What is development?**

Tutorial on 07.04.

(No lecture / tutorial on 12.04 and 14.04.)

19.04 **Economic development around the world: historical and contemporary evidence**

Tutorial on 21.04.

26.04 **Theories of economic growth**

Tutorial on 28.04.

03.05 **Poverty and inequality**

Tutorial on 05.05.

10.05 **Education and health**

Tutorial on 12.05.

17.05 **Population growth**

Tutorial on 19.05.

24.05 **Agriculture and rural development**

No tutorial on 26.05 (*Christi Himmelfahrt*).

31.05 **Institutions, markets, and the role of the state**

Tutorial on 02.06.

(No lecture / tutorial on 07.06 and 09.06: Pfingsten holidays.)

14.06 **Climate change and the environment from a development perspective**

No tutorial on 16.06 (*Fronleichnam*).

21.06 **Foreign aid**

Tutorial on 23.06.

28.06 **Open lecture (to be planned jointly with the students)**

Tutorial on 30.06.

05.07 **Review**

Tutorial on 07.07.

12.07 **Exam**

Readings

At the beginning of the lecture period, students will receive a list with the required readings for each week. The reading list contains both compulsory and optional readings. The reading materials will be a mix from textbook chapters and research articles and reports. All lecture slides and problem sets will be made available on Learnweb.

Main textbooks:

- Todaro, Michael P. and Stephen C. Smith (2020). *Economic Development* (13th edition). Pearson.
- The Core Team (2021). *The Economy: Economics for a changing world*. Oxford; coreecon. Freely available at <https://www.core-econ.org/>

Additional textbook (for further reading):

- Taylor, J. Edward and Travis J. Lybbert (2020). *Essentials of Development Economics* (3rd edition). University of California Press.