

# Development Policies

**Lecturer**

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**Course mnemonic**

ECON-D434

**ECTS credits**

5 credits

**Language(s) of instruction**

English

**Course period**

Second term

## Course content

This year, the topics covered in the course include:

- › Development gap and its dimensions;
- › Measures of development: construction, strengths, and weaknesses;
- › Macro-theories of development and growth: Harrod-Domar, Lewis, poverty traps;
- › Structural adjustment policies;
- › Trade liberalization and its effects of income and inequality;
- › Institutions and their role in development;
- › Political economy of developing countries (a brief introduction);
- › Methodology of development policy evaluations;
- › Applications to: property rights, credit markets, health care, education policies.

## Objectives (and/or specific learning outcomes)

By the end of the course, the student should be able to:

- › Critically analyze a given measure of development (either at a macro- or a micro- level);
- › Read, interpret, and synthesize a formal argument and evidence concerning a specific development problem and/or policy;
- › Read and critically analyze a given development policy evaluation report.

## Teaching method and learning activities

Lectures, exercise classes, student presentations.

## Contribution to the teaching profile

The course aims at developing (through the application to specific development problems and policies) the skills of students in:

- › Reading, interpreting and synthesizing formal arguments and evidence concerning major development problems and policies;
- › Critically analyzing various measures of different dimensions of development (both at macro- and micro- level);
- › Reading and critically analyzing the existing policy evaluation reports on specific development policies.

## References, bibliography and recommended reading

No mandatory textbook for the course. Lecture slides and suggested readings will be posted on the UV platform.

## Other information

### Contact(s)

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## Evaluation method(s)

Other

### Evaluation method(s) (additional information)

The assessment is based on:

- › Presentations in small groups based on a take-home assignment (40% of the final grade);
- › Final written closed-book examination (60% of the final grade).

Active participation in discussions during the course (quality of comments weighs more than their quantity) will provide a student with bonus points towards the final grade.

### Determination of the mark (including the weighting of partial marks)

See the explanation above

### Main language(s) of evaluation

English

## Programmes

Programmes proposing this course at the faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences

MA-COOP | Master in Population and development studies | finalité Professional/unit 1

## Programmes proposing this course at the faculty of Sciences

MA-GEOG | **Master in Geography : General** | finalité Teaching/unit 1, finalité Teaching/unit 2 and finalité territorial Development/unit 2

