

WWS 562c
ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENT
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REQUIREMENTS:

The course will require completion of four problem sets, a midterm and final exam, and one policy memo. The weight of each in the final grade is as follows:

Problem sets (4):	20%
Midterm exam:	25%
Policy memo:	20%
Final exam:	35%

The problem sets will contain questions that are similar to those that will be on the two exams. Problem sets must be turned in one week after they are distributed. Except in unusual circumstances (e.g. a health or family problem), late problem sets will not be accepted. Problem sets will be discussed in precepts.

Two “policy modules” will combine WWS 562b and WWS 562c. These topics will be team-taught by Professor Christina Paxson and me.

The policy memo will be due around the end of the semester (exact date to be determined). Students will be expected to produce a polished 8-10 page memo that assesses a specific issue concerned with foreign aid (covered in the second policy module). More information and examples of possible topics will be provided later in the term.

COURSE OUTLINE:

1. Economic Growth and Economic Development (Feb. 7, 9 and 14)

- A. Growth Models
- B. Life Expectancy and Growth
- C. Institutions and Growth

2. Poverty and Inequality (Feb 16 and 21)

- A. Measurement
- B. Policy Agenda

3. Investments in Education (Feb. 23 and 28, March 2)

- A. Education and Income Generation
- B. Education and Health Status
- C. Educational Production

4. Combined 562b and 562c Policy Module: AIDS Orphans (March 9 and 14)

Midterm exam: March 16 (last day before spring break)

5. Labor Markets in Developing Countries

- A. Farm Household Models (March 28)
- B. Efficiency Wages, Nutritional Wages and Nutrition (March 30)
- C. Two-tiered Labor Markets (April 4)
- D. Formal and Informal Sectors (April 4)
- E. Intrahousehold Decisionmaking (April 6)

6. Combined 563b and 563c Policy Module: Foreign Aid (April 11, 13)

7. Investments in Health (April 18, 20, 25)

- A. Returns to health
- B. Issues in health policy

8. Poverty Alleviation Programs (April 27, May 2 and 4)

- A. Targeting poverty alleviation programs
- B. Conditional and unconditional cash transfer programs

(These dates are approximate. Some topics will take longer than the time allotted. As the semester unfolds, we will adjust the times, but they are provided here to give you a sense of the timing.)