

Economic Development

Academic Year: (2019 / 2020)

Review date: 08-05-2020

Department assigned to the subject: Economics Department

Coordinating teacher: CLOTS FIGUERAS, IRMA

Type: Electives ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : Semester :

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Basic knowledge of Econometrics.

OBJECTIVES

General view of Economic Development.

Goal: to understand how economic policy tools can be used to improve welfare, social and economic outcomes in low income countries.

Focus on the key areas of debate about public policy and look at recent evidence, understand development economics as a multidimensional concept.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

Introduction
 Institutions
 Decentralization and public goods
 Regulation and development
 Health (I & II)
 Education (I & II)
 Environment and development
 Media, policy and development
 Social capital and social networks
 Land redistribution
 Credit, savings and insurance
 Property rights

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Lectures (Monday) followed by presentations made by students in class (Thursday).

2 midterms: one in the middle of the term (first half) and another one at the end (second half).

Presentations: summary of recent research papers complemented with documented data.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Each midterm counts 30%, presentations 30% and class participation 10%. With this the students can pass the subject.

The students can also choose to do a final exam, then the exam counts 50% and the rest 50%.

There is also an extraordinary exam in June, for those students who failed.

% end-of-term-examination:	0
% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):	100

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Abhijit Banerjee y Esther Duflo Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty, PublicAffairs, 2012

- Ray, Debraj Development Economics, Princeton University Press, 1998

BASIC ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

- . Poverty Action Lab: <https://www.povertyactionlab.org/>
- . World Bank Microdata: <http://microdata.worldbank.org/index.php/home>
- . World Bank: <http://www.worldbank.org/>
- . BREAD: <http://ibread.org/>
- . BREAD (DATA): <http://ibread.org/bread/data>
- . IPUMS(DATA): <https://www.ipums.org/>