COURSE DETAIL

DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS
Country Italy
Host Institution University of Commerce Luigi Bocconi
Program(s) Bocconi University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Economics
UCEAP Course Number 121
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS
UCEAP Transcript Title DEVLOPMNT ECONOMICS
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course introduces the study of development economics. The central aim of the course is to present key theoretical models and related empirical evidence that shape our thinking of economic interactions and policy-making in developing countries. The course begins by giving an overview of growth theory in order to identify potential drivers of economic growth and to provide a benchmark for analyzing the role of market imperfections. The course then analyzes markets and institutions in developing countries, with a focus on how they have developed to make up for market imperfections in developing countries. In particular, the structure of labor and credit markets in developing countries is introduced with a view towards understanding how imperfections in these markets affect the lives of the poor and the economy at large, and shape economic policy-making. The course also explores issues related to education and gender in development, with a particular focus on the methodology of field experiments to provide insights into these topics. The course has a strong applied focus. For each topic, simple theoretical models are introduced to derive testable predictions, followed by a review of the empirical results and their implications for policy. The course discusses topics including: facts about development and growth; growth via factor accumulation; inequality and growth; foreign aid, development, and corruption; impact evaluation; education; gender and ethnicity; informal institutions; financial markets and microcredit; private sector development and entrepreneurship; and labor markets. Students are expected to be comfortable with econometrics and microeconomics to feel at ease with this course.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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