

Economics 8784: Economic Development

Spring 2020

M/W 11:00AM-12:15 PM

Room: Economics 5

Class Website through Canvas: <https://canvas.colorado.edu/>

No Class: Jan 20 (MLK Day) Mar 23-27 (Spring Break)

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Course Description & Objectives

This course offers a Ph.D.-level introduction to the field of

7. There will be a final exam based on the articles on the reading list and the material we cover in class. You may consult your notes and assigned readings during the exam, but you should not consult with other people in or outside the class for formulating your responses. It is important that you demonstrate that you are thinking independently of other sources. I will provide discussion questions to prepare you for the types of questions you will see on the final.

Please hand in a hard copy of the assignment cover sheet with the Referee Report, Research Proposal, and Final Exam. It is available on the course website.

The assignments will be weighted as follows:

1. Referee Report: 10%
2. Participation (including 10 summaries): 10%
3. Presentation of an Article on the Syllabus: 10%
4. Presentation of Research Idea: 10%
5. Research Proposal: 30%
6. Presentation of Research Proposal: 10%
7. Final Exam: 20%

Class Policies

There is no excuse for missing an exam unless there is a documented medical or family emergency. If a legitimate emergency arises, notify me as soon as possible. If you foresee any legitimate conflict with the dates of the assignments or exam, please see me at the beginning of the semester or as soon as possible.

If you miss a class, you are responsible for obtaining notes on the material we covered from another classmate. I encourage you to come to my office hours to discuss the material you missed, but not

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Reading List
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Lectures and discussions will primarily be drawn from journal articles and working papers. Although there is no required textbook for the course, the textbooks and methods articles listed below may be useful for you to consult for a more thorough presentation of the theory and methods used in the articles we will review.

Useful Books

Preliminary Course Outline

The articles under the topic headings below are required reading for everyone in the class. Some of these papers will be presented by a student (denoted with *), but everyone should read those articles for class discussion as well. Articles under the Background& Further Reading sections may be useful and of interest to you but may not be included in lectures and are thus optional readings unless otherwise noted.

For many of these papers, multiple versions are

Background & Further Reading

Deaton (1997), Ch. 4.

Bardhan & Udry (1999), Ch. 1-2.

Bobonis

Journal of Political Economy, 117(3): 453-503.

-Household Allocations: A General Characterization and
Econometrica 66(6): 1241-1278.

Econometrica. 60(2): 287-322.

Journal of Political Economy, Vol. 106, No. 5 (Oct., 1998), pp. 897-930.

The

36(2): 766-817.

p. 3375-3474.

Economy, 104(1): 133-162.

Journal of Economic Literature,

Handbook of Development Economics, Vol. 4. Ch. 30,

The Journal of Political

V. Labor and Migration
a. Currently Developing Countries

Quarterly Journal of Economics. 122(4): 1561-1602.

The

Munshi,

The Quarterly Journal of Economics, 118(2): 549-599.

Meghir, Costas. Ahmed Mushfiq

Journal of

~~Public Performance and Accountability Reports~~

The Economic Journal, 118(528): 591-630.
Journal of Economic Perspectives, 25(3): 129-52.

VI. Savings & Credit

Banerjee, Abhijit, Esther Duflo, Rachel Glennerster, and Cynthia Kinnan. 2015
of Microfinance? Evidence from a Randomized Evaluation. *American Economic
Journal: Applied Economics*, 7(1): 22-53.

Evidence
from a *The Quarterly Journal of
Economics*, 121(2): 635-672.

Dupas, Pascaline, and Jonathan Robinson. 2013. "Why Don't the Poor Save More? Evidence
from Health Savings Experiments." *The American Economic Review*, 103(4): 1138-71.

*Field, Erica M., Rohini Pande, Natalia Rigol, Simone G. Schaner, and Charity Troyer Moore.
2019. Her Own Account: How Strengthening Financial Control Affects
Labor Supply and Gender

VII. Political Economy
a. Institutions

Lowes, Sara, Nathan Nunn, James A. Robinson, Jonathan L. Weigel

Econometrica, 85(4):

1065-1091.

*Acemoglu, Daron, Suresh Naidu, Pascual

VIII. Course Review and Critiques

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Week	Dates	Material
1	Jan 13-15	Introduction --