



School of Economics and Management

NEKG71, Economics: Development Economics, 7.5 credits

Nationalekonomi: Utvecklingsekonomi, 7,5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus is an old version, approved by The Board of the Department of Economics on 2011-06-07 and was last revised on 2014-12-09. . The revised syllabus applied from 2015-08-31. , autumn semester 2015.

General Information

This is a single subject intermediate course in economics belonging to the 'International and Development Economics' specialisation. The course is optional within a number of undergraduate programmes at Lund University.

Language of instruction: English

Teaching is in English. (In some semesters the course can be taught in Swedish, see the appropriate application catalogue).

Main field of studies

Economics

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

1. Knowledge and understanding

Students should have an in-depth knowledge and understanding of central theories in development economics and of the economic structure and problems of development in poor countries.

2. Skills and abilities

Students shall have the ability to independently:

- develop a deeper understanding of economic theory and the application of economic theory to current problems in developing countries,

- acquire information and data on economic conditions and trends, and to instil an ability to analyse these in a critical manner by using empirical conceptions and tools,
- use analytical economic tools and develop skills in policy analysis related to the development process,
- communicate and explain their analyses and conclusions clearly and concisely in both oral and written form.

3. Applying knowledge and making judgements

Students shall have developed the ability to pursue further studies in the subject and should be able to search for and evaluate information with a high degree of independence. Students shall also have developed the ability to individually write an essay.

Course content

The course begins with development gaps, and the relationships between per capita income and other measures of development. Thereafter it reviews the theories of economic growth and the development process. It focuses on the role of physical, human and social capital, technology and population growth in economic growth. The problems of externalities, co-ordination failure and path dependence are highlighted. Specific attention is paid to the relationships between inequality, poverty and economic growth. Development strategies and policies related to, agriculture, industry, trade & services and infrastructure are discussed together with the role of the state, market and other institutions. A specific gender perspective is taken up in the discussion on population issues, human capital and poverty.

Course design

1. Teaching: Tuition consists mainly of lectures.

Assessment

1. Examination: The examination consists of a set of two mandatory written assignments and a written exam at the end of the course. The written exam will be based on the course literature and lectures. There will be further opportunities for examination close to this date. The written assignments will be graded and the points carried forward to the exam during the same term.
2. Limitations on the number of examination opportunities: –

The University views plagiarism and other academic dishonesty very seriously, and will take disciplinary action against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in connection with examinations and assessments. Plagiarism is considered to be a very serious academic offence. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other unfair practices in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University for a specified period.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

1. Grading: The official grading scale is A, B, C, D, E and Fail.
2. Weighting grades from different parts of the course: –
3. Grading scales for different parts of the course: –

Entry requirements

At least 20 ECTS-credits from the introductory course in economics, of which at least 7.5 ECTS-credits in microeconomics are needed for admission till all intermediate courses in economics. A course in basic international economics is recommended.

Further information

1. Transitional regulations: This course replaces NEKB28 "Development Economics".
2. Limitations in the period of validity: –
3. Limitations: This course may not be included in the same degree as the sub-course in development economics within NEKA21 "Economics: Level 2", the sub-course in development economics within NEKG11 "Economics: Level 2", the course NEK642 "Development Economics B/C" or the course NEKB28 "Development Economics".
4. Similar courses: This course has the same content as the sub-course in development economics within NEKG11 "Economics: Level 2".
5. Limitations in renewed examination: –

Subcourses in NEKG71, Economics: Development Economics

Applies from V12

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