

Economics 3784 Economic Development  
Fall 2008  
Tue, Thurs 12:30-1:45 Econ 119

***Instructor Information***

Aug 28	Measuring Development	IA	
Sept 2		IB	

	Resources		
Oct 16	Midterm Examination on Topic II		

### Topic III. Agriculture and the Environment

Dates	Topics	Assignments	
		Meir and Rauch	Other
Oct 21	Agriculture and Development	VII Overview	
Oct 23	Agricultural Policy	VII A	
Oct 28	Microeconomics of the Rural Sector	VII B V 5	
Oct 30	The Environment	X Overview	Lal 8
Nov 4	Sustainable Development	X 1-5	
Nov 6	Term Papers Roundtable Discussion on Agriculture and the Environment		
Nov 11	Midterm Examination on Topic III		

## Topic IV. International Trade and Financa

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Assignments</b> <b>Meir and Rauch</b>	<b>Assignments</b> <b>Other</b>
Nov 13	International Trade	III OverEogc)1ew3(TJEMC /P	MCID 412BDC 0.001 Tc -0.0

segments of the course identified above. If more than one class is missed in a particular segment this will lower the grade for that segment and the final grade.

No exceptions will be made for this attendance or other course requirements. If you have any questions regarding course requirements please see me during the first week of the course.

## **Term Papers**

Students will write two term papers. In writing these term papers students should follow the format in standard style manuals. Most importantly, the term papers should be properly documented, including a bibliography, and footnotes or end notes. Papers without proper documentation will not be accepted. Each term paper should be about 10-15 pages in length.

In writing the term papers you will find the required texts a good starting point in finding source materials. You should then incorporate other bibliographic n

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What has been the relationship between political reform and economic growth and development in this country?

## Term Paper II

For the second term paper students should choose a specific issue in economic development to explore from the different issues listed under Topics II-IV on the syllabus. This term paper should not focus on an individual country. Rather the term paper should explore a specific issue in depth, including theoretical, empirical and policy issues. Students will be expected to participate in a roundtable discussion on that issue. In the roundtable discussion students should focus on a controversial policy issue, taking a position on the issue and defending that position along with other students participating in the roundtable. The grade for this term paper is based on participation in the roundtable discussion, as well as the written paper. The due dates for this second term paper are identified under each topic on the course syllabus.

## Midterm Examinations

Students will write three midterm examinations. These midterm examinations will cover the issues listed under topics II-IV on the syllabus. The midterm examinations will be based on target questions distributed in class. Students should plan to use ideas from lectures and class discussion, as well as text materials in answering these questions.

If students have an excused absence from a midterm examination they can take a makeup examination to be offered when the final exam is scheduled for this course. No other makeup examination will be scheduled. If students do not have an excused absence and miss a midterm examination they will receive a failing grade for that midterm exam. Students who miss more than one midterm examination will receive a failing grade for the course.

## ***Grading***

Students will receive five grades. Two grades will be based on the two required term papers. Three grades will be based on the midterm examinations. Each of these five grades is equally weighted in the final grade. If students have any questions regarding the course requirements or grading they should meet with me at the beginning of the course, not at the end of the course.

All university policies apply in this course relating to disabilities, religious observance, honor code, etc.. If you have any questions regarding these university policies see [www.colorado.edu/policies/index.html](http://www.colorado.edu/policies/index.html).