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## INTB 5100 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### Course Outline and Objectives

The economics of development is one of the most exciting areas of study among the social sciences. During the last two centuries, the world has experienced an Industrial Revolution, two rounds of globalization, and unprecedented technological progress. In spite of these advances, a large majority of countries and people live in abject and persistent poverty, and face its natural consequences such as disease, crime, social unrest, and the inability to participate in economic decision-making. Understanding these complex issues forms the core of Development Economics.

### Textbook

The textbook for this course is:  
*Development Economics*  
Author: Debraj Ray  
Publisher: Princeton University Press

**Note:** If you are interested in the field of development economics, the textbook would be an excellent investment. However, in case you are not willing to make the investment, I will provide written discussions for each topic to be covered in the course, as well as detailed PowerPoint slides.

### Course Schedule/Lecture Dates

The course will be taught over a three-week duration, between June 29-July 16. Class will meet from 1-4 PM each day. Please consult the course calendar provided by the UGA Costa Rica Program for further details.

### Grades and Assignments

Your final grade will be based on a set of written assignments. Details will be discussed later.

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Given the constraints of time, the course will cover all or a subset of the topics below.

1. *Economic Development: An Overview*  
Required Reading: Ch. 2 (Ray)

2. *Economic Growth*  
Required Reading: Ch. 3, 4 (Ray)
3. *History, Expectations, and Development*  
Required Reading: Ch. 5 (Ray)
4. *Economic Inequality, Growth, and Development*  
Required Reading: Ch. 6, 7 (Ray)
5. *Poverty and Under-nutrition*  
Required Reading: Ch. 8 (Ray)
6. *Population Growth*  
Required Reading: Ch. 9 (Ray)
7. *Urbanization and the Informal Sector*  
Required Reading: Ch. 10 (Ray)
8. *Markets in Agriculture*  
Required Reading: Ch. 11 (Ray)
9. *International Trade and Development*  
Required Reading: Ch. 17, 18 (Ray)