



**COLLEGE of SOCIAL AND
APPLIED HUMAN SCIENCES**

GUELPH INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

COURSE: IDEV 3000, Poverty and Inequality

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores the nature and determinants of poverty and inequality at the local and global levels and the interrelationship between these. It examines the patterns and dynamics of poverty and inequality, for example over time and geographically. In so doing, it explores the nature and practical application of alternative approaches to their assessment and measurement. Students will reflect on and critically assess diverse approaches to reducing poverty and inequality locally and globally.

FALL 2020 COURSE DELIVERY FORMAT

Online, asynchronous

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, successful students will be able to:

1. Identify and analyze the nature and determinants of poverty and inequality at the local and global levels and links to alternative theoretical perspectives on development and to the wider development landscape.
2. Compare and assess alternative approaches to reducing poverty and inequality at the local and global levels.
3. Design, implement and assess the output of specific qualitative and quantitative research methods for the analysis of poverty and inequality and the impact of related development policies and practices.
4. Summarize and communicate, in written and oral form, the analysis of poverty and inequality and the impact of related development policies and practices.

EVALUATION

Written assessments (take home exams), short quizzes

REQUIRED READINGS

Ravaiillon, M. (2016). *The Economics of Poverty: History, Measurement and Policy*. Oxford University Press, Oxford.

DISCLAIMER

Please note that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic may necessitate a revision of the format of course offerings and academic schedules. Any such changes will be announced via CourseLink and/or class email. All University-wide decisions will be posted on the COVID-19 website [hyperlink to the website] and circulated by email.

ILLNESS

The University will not require verification of illness (doctor's notes) for the fall 2020 or winter 2021 semesters.