



**COLLEGE of SOCIAL AND
APPLIED HUMAN SCIENCES**

GUELPH INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

COURSE: IDEV1000 - Understanding Development and Global Inequalities

Lectures: Friday, 9:30-11:20am

Seminars: Monday, 08:30-9:20am; Monday, 11:30-12:20pm; Tuesday, 11:30-12:20pm; Wednesday 2:30-3:20pm; Thursday 4:30-5:20pm

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to international development and global inequalities. We will examine the major issues and debates in the field of international development studies, as well as the key actors and institutions. To do so, our course is organized around three core questions: What is “development”? What role did *domestic* factors play in shaping countries’ “development”? What role did *international* factors play in influencing countries’ “development”? Our course will unfold in three parts:

PART 1: Introduction

The first part of the course is an introduction to development and underdevelopment. We begin by examining the contested concept of “development,” including its continuing appeal in spite of its problematic origins. We then discuss the causes of development and underdevelopment, looking at legacies of colonialism and theories of modernization and dependency.

PART 2: Domestic Factors

The second part of the course explores domestic factors that can shape countries’ trajectories, including the role of democracy, women’s participation, civil society, and social welfare.

PART 3: International Factors

The third part of the course investigates international factors that can shape countries’ trajectories, including the role of globalization, foreign aid, and the human rights regime.

By the end of this course, students will be able to understand and analyze a variety of political, social, and economic developments.

Winter 2021 COURSE DELIVERY FORMAT

Synchronous lectures and seminars. Recording, distributing, or taking screenshots of course material in either lectures or seminars is not permitted.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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

- Describe different perspectives on development and underdevelopment
- Critically assess theories of development
- Analyze the domestic and international factors that shape countries' trajectories
- Communicate complex ideas in written and oral form

EVALUATION

Students will be evaluated on a combination of assignments and seminar participation. Details will be confirmed on the first day of class.

REQUIRED READINGS

All readings will be available on CourseLink.