



## COLLEGE of SOCIAL AND APPLIED HUMAN SCIENCES

GUELPH INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

**COURSE:** IDEV1000 - Understanding Development and Global Inequalities

Lectures: Mondays, Wednesdays, 11:30am-12:20pm

Seminars: Please check Webadvisor

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This survey course introduces students to topics on international development and global inequalities. 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 despite its problematic origins. We then discuss the causes of development and underdevelopment, looking at state formation and the legacies of colonialism. We will then explore different topics in development, including environmental conservation, globalization, capitalism, democracy, foreign aid, global health, and sexual and reproductive health. By the end of this course, you will be familiar with a variety of issues, actors, and institutions in the field of international development studies. The various assessment, and your participation in seminars, will provide you with opportunities to develop your knowledge and refine your analytical skills.

### **FALL 2020 COURSE DELIVERY FORMAT**

Virtual lectures and in-person 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:

- Demonstrate knowledge of key topics in international development studies
- Describe different perspectives on development and underdevelopment
- 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.