



Module Specification

The Economics of Developing Countries

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Part 1: Information

Module title: The Economics of Developing Countries

Module code: UMED8X-15-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

Faculty: Faculty of Business & Law

Department: FBL Dept of Accounting Economics & Finance

Partner institutions: None

Delivery locations: Not in use for Modules

Field: Economics

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Not applicable

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: In addition to the Learning Outcomes the educational experience may explore, develop, and practice but not formally discretely assess the following:

Working as a team member.

Summarizing and presenting concepts and ideas.

Outline syllabus: This module will cover the following topics:

The rural sector. Agrarian structures and their evolution, agricultural technology, barriers to the diffusion of technology, agricultural production models (sharecropping, subsistence, principal-agent), case studies of rural development.

Investment and the allocation of resources. Microeconomic Investment decisions; shadow pricing; resource constraints; microfinance; sustainable development and approaches to sustainability.

Growth and planning. Causes of economic growth; pro-poor growth; poverty and growth; inequality and growth; deep causes of economic growth; issues of causality; planning economic growth and development.

International capital flows. Private foreign investment and the multinational corporation, benefits and costs of FDI; aid effectiveness theory and evidence; structural adjustment programmes, debt forgiveness.

Constraints to Development. Corruption; War; geography; education and skills; life expectancy; health.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: Lectures will sometimes be driven by theory and sometimes by current empirical work and evidence. The remaining hour will involve the use of seminars, tutorials, group presentations and practical classes often examining in depth case studies of developing countries. It is envisaged that students will present a PowerPoint slideshow in groups or individually (dependent on class size) that critically discusses one of the recommended texts (chapter or article).

In addition staff will be available during the semester during their office hours (2 hours a week) for face to face meetings.

Queries and extended discussions with staff can also be approached virtually through e-mail.

Extensive use will be made of Blackboard for weekly guided independent study work; to support students' learning; to facilitate interactions between students e.g. for group project work and to provide feedback with quizzes and forums.

Students will also be directed towards the University Library online Study Skills resources for the development of skills appropriate to the level and style of the module. In addition a number of e-learning resources will also be used:

The online Study Skills website at

<http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/students/studysupport/studyskills.aspx>

Of particular interest will be: Learn Higher.

There are 3 hours of contact time with staff that a student can expect in a week. This will be a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, group presentations and practical classes.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 An analytical and critical understanding of the causes and the constraints of economic growth and economic development for low and middle-income countries. Issues such as corruption, terrorism, civil war, geographical location will be analysed, all of which are common themes amongst many research centred NGOs as well as private and public international aid agencies.

MO2 The ability to analyse the effectiveness of development economic theory and national/international aid development policy that can stimulate growth and

development. This will provide students with a practical insight into how aid can be effective or ineffective and the strategy to adopt at the individual, village, town or national level.

MO3 An ability to critically evaluate alternative government economic policies for dealing with problems of underdevelopment and to assess these policies in both an historical and contemporary context.

MO4 An understanding that economic growth is not a sufficient condition for economic development and providing alternative schools of thought. These alternative views on development economics and development studies are important and expanding areas of interest amongst aid and environmental agencies and development economic think-tanks.

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 114 hours

Face-to-face learning = 36 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/umed8x-15-3.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/umed8x-15-3.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: This module deploys a mix of formative and summative assessment. Formative assessment takes various forms and will occur throughout the module; it may include peer feedback on informal activities.

The formative assessment used in this module consists of seminar presentations, this gives the students a good opportunity to refine their presentation skills and it also allows for feedback on the content of the presentation.

Summative assessment will be multi-faceted. The first opportunity for summative assessment is an essay. The inclusion of a coursework element in the assessment is important since it gives the students an opportunity to investigate a particular issue in detail. Furthermore, coursework enables the students to refine their writing and presentation skills. The essay will relate to learning outcomes 3 and 4. The examination will assess the entire module content and will occur at the end of the module.

Summative assessment

Assessment Task: Online examination undertaken within a 24 hour window, with a maximum word count of 2000. The exam will cover the entire syllabus and relates to all of the learning objectives.

Assessment Task: The 2,000 word essay will ask students to apply their knowledge of theories of economics development to concrete cases.

Assessment components:

Examination (Online) (First Sit)

Description: Online Examination (Maximum 2000 Words)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: 2,000 word essay

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO3, MO4

Examination (Online) (Resit)

Description: Online Examination (Maximum 2000 Words)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: 2,000 word essay

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Business Management and Economics {Top-Up} [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2023-24

International Business Management {Top-Up} [BIBM] BA (Hons) 2023-24

International Business Management {Top-Up} [Villa] BA (Hons) 2023-24

Business and Management [Sep][FT][NepalBrit][3yrs] BBA (Hons) 2021-22

Economics [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Economics [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Economics {Dual} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Economics {Dual} [Aug][FT][Taylors][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Economics {Dual} [Mar][FT][Taylors][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Business and Management [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Business and Management {Dual} [Aug][FT][Taylors][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Business and Management {Dual} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Business and Management {Dual} [Mar][FT][Taylors][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Business Studies {Dual} [Aug][FT][Taylors][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

International Business Management {Split Delivery} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

International Business Management [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

International Business Management {Dual} [Mar][FT][Taylors][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

International Business Management {Dual} [Aug][FT][Taylors][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

International Business Management {Dual} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Business Management and Economics [Jan][FT][Villa][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Business Management and Economics [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

International Business [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

International Business [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

International Business {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Business and Management {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Business and Management [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Economics [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Economics [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Economics {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Business Management and Economics {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Business Management and Economics [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Business Management and Economics [Jan][SW][Villa][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Business Management with Economics [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] - Not Running BA (Hons) 2020-21

Economics {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Business Management and Economics {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

International Business {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Economics {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Economics {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Business and Management {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20