This class is open to both masters and doctoral students. The prerequisites are ECON 606, 607, 627, and 628. It is mandatory to consult with Professor La Croix if you have not completed the prerequisites. Otherwise your registration will be cancelled.

**TEXTBOOKS**


**ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

It is expected that students will attend **ALL** classes and read **ALL** assigned readings prior to class. By reading the assigned articles prior to class, students and the instructors have a common foundation for discussion in class. Only selected topics will be covered during class time. The instructors will frequently assign students to make presentations in class on various topics and articles. Some classes may run slightly over-time. Please reserve until 4:30 PM for the class.

**COURSE GRADES**

Grades are based on a midterm exam, a final exam, a term paper, and student participation, with weights equally distributed among the four areas. The final exam covers only the material after the midterm exam. The instructor uses +/- grading in awarding final grades.

**TERM PAPER**

Students are required to consult the instructors before choosing a topic for the term paper. The student should schedule an appointment to discuss the topic. A 1-page outline of the proposed topic must be submitted by September 11, 2007. Do not proceed further with your research until you have obtained approval from the instructor. A 6-page literature review is due on September 28, 2007. The term paper should be 10-13 (double-spaced, 12 pt. font) pages excluding the endnotes, the bibliography, and graphs and tables. The term paper is due on November 30, 2007. Late papers will be marked down by one-third of a grade per day, e.g. B to B-, with up to a full grade markdown. Unexcused late papers will not be accepted. If you cannot meet a deadline, be sure to consult with the instructor.
prior to the due date. When you turn in the paper after the due date, attach a note to the paper explaining the difficulty and how many days of work you lost because of it. Please submit all papers as attached files via e-mail to lacroix@hawaii.edu.

**GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS**

Each student will present their term paper during the student conference, “New Frontiers in Development Economics.” The conference will be held on Friday, December 1, 2007 from 8 AM to 2 PM in Saunders 515. **If you cannot attend the conference, you should absolutely not take the course. Attendance at the conference is mandatory.**

**FINAL EXAM**

**DISABILITY ACCESS**

If you believe that you need reasonable accommodations because of the impact of a disability, please 1) contact the KOKUA Program at 956-7511 or 956-7612 in room 013 of the QL Center for Student Services; and 2) speak with me privately to discuss your specific needs. I will be happy to work with you and the KOKUA Program to meet your access needs related to your documented disability.

**QUESTIONS? NEED TO MAKE AN OFFICE HOURS APPOINTMENT?**

Please leave a voice mail or e-mail to make an appointment to see the instructors!

Tel: 956-7061  
E-mail: lacroix@hawaii.edu

**BACKGROUND READING—HIGHLY RECOMMENDED—DO YOU HAVE A COPY?!!!**

Can’t make sense of the assigned reading? Then check out an easier—but very scholarly and highly interesting—textbook:


This book is a gem. It’s full of interesting examples, research ideas, and fun problems.

**Course Topics**

*Neoclassical Growth Models and Applications*


**Technological Change and Endogenous Growth**


**Institutions and Growth**


**Trade and Growth**


The Frankel-Romer-Rose gravity-based instrumental variable for trade openness, as updated in Frankel-Rose, 2002


Commodity Prices, Import Substitution and Growth


Poverty and Growth


**Demography, Kuznets Curves, and Growth**


Andrew Mason and Tomoku Kinagasu, “Two Demographic Dividends,” in Sumner La Croix, Pearl Imada Iboshi, and Janis Kea, eds, *Miracles and Mirages in East Asian Economic Development*. (sent via e-mail)

**Education and Growth**


**Foreign Direct Investment and Growth**


Maurice Kugler. 2006. “Spillovers from Foreign Direct Investment: Within or Between Industries,” *JDE*, 80:444-477. (UH libweb)


**Growth and the Big Push**