University of Hawai‘i-Mānoa: Fall 2009 Semester
Econ 610: Economic Development
Tentative Syllabus

Fall 2009
MW 3:00 – 4:30 PM
Saunders 244

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Office Hours: Monday 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Wednesday 9 – 10 am
And by appointment

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

Robert J. Barro and Xavier Sala-i-Martin, Economic Growth, 2nd ed. MIT Press, 2004. (Most of you already purchased this text for Econ 607. UH bookstore has used copies.)


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 plan to arrive by 3 PM and reserve until 4:30 PM for the class.

COURSE GRADES

Grades are based on a take-home midterm (distributed on November 18 and due on November 21), a term paper, student presentations, and student participation and preparation for class. Weights are equally distributed among the take-home midterm (33%), research paper (33%), and student presentations/preparation/participation (33%). 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 Friday, September 11, 2009. Students should be prepared to make a 5-minute presentation in-class on September 16, 2009 outlining their proposed topic. Do not proceed further with your research until you have obtained final approval from the instructor. A 4-5 page literature and data review is due on September 28, 2009. Students should be prepared to make a 6-8-minute presentation in-class on September 30, 2009 outlining their proposed topic. The term paper should be 10-12 (double-spaced, 12 pt. font) pages excluding the endnotes, the bibliography, and graphs and tables. The term paper is due on December 3, 2009. 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 to lacroix@hawaii.edu.

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Students enrolled in ECON 610 and ECON 662 will present their term papers during the student research conference, New Frontiers in International Development. The conference will be held on Friday, December 4, 2009 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. Professor La Croix will provide (a free) lunch for all conference participants.

JOINT CLASSES WITH ECON 662: ECONOMICS OF NATURAL DISASTERS

Econ 610 and Econ 662 will meet together for some classes in early October to consider the emerging and exciting new literature on the economics of natural disasters in developing countries. During the first week of school, the instructors will consult with students in both classes regarding class schedules and meeting times for these sessions.

COURSE READINGS

During the first week of class, the instructor will circulate a diskette with all course readings that are available to UH students on-line at the UH Library.

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.

**Handbooks: Excellent References (but not required for purchase)**


**Course Topics**

Selected readings from the following topics will be assigned. There will be further updates to the reading list prior to the start of the Fall 2009 semester.

**Neoclassical Growth Models and Applications**


Technological Change and Endogenous Growth


Institutions and Growth


Professor Sumner La Croix, Econ 610 Syllabus, University of Hawai‘i-Mānoa, Fall 2009, p. 5.


**Intellectual Property Rights and Growth**


Trade and Growth


Sachs, Jeffrey and Warner, Andrew M. 1997."Fundamental sources of long-run growth.” *AER*, May. (JSTOR)


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


Commodity Prices, Import Substitution and Growth


**Democracy, Elites, and Growth**


**Poverty and Growth**


**Demography, Kuznets Curves, and Growth**


**Education and Growth**


Foreign Direct Investment and Growth


Growth and the Big Push


Economics of Natural Disasters in Developing Countries

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