University of Central Florida

Politics of Developing Areas

	Course #	**CPO 3034 Section 50**
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	Term	Fall 2011
	Class Meets	UCF Orlando West Campus VW Building 11, Room 117 Tuesdays 6.00 PM – 8.50 PM

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Other Information	I encourage students to contact me if they have questions, problems, or concerns. You can contact me by official university e-mail. You can also call my office or contact me in person during office hours. If office hours are in conflict with your schedule, I am available for appointments during the week.

General Course Information

Course Description	This class explores the realities and major characteristics of developing areas, while providing an in-depth analysis of causes and consequences that pertain to different levels of development around the Globe.
Learning Objectives	On completing this course students will be able to: 1. describe the economic, political and institutional factors that cause uneven global development 2. analyze the impact of globalization and current economic growth of developing countries 3. discuss the link between colonialism and underdevelopment 4. comprehend the contemporary debate over improving programs aiming at rapid and massive poverty alleviation
Required Readings	***Textbooks*** William A. Joseph, Mark Kesselman and Joel Krieger: *Introduction To Politics Of The Developing World: Political Challenges and Changing Agendas*, Fifth Edition, Wadsworth- Cengage 2010 Robert J. Griffiths: *Annual Editions: Developing World 2011/12,* Twentieth Edition, McGraw Hill

Assignments & Academic Calendar

Date	Topic	Readings
08/23	Welcome and Introduction to the Politics of Developing Areas	Syllabus JKK Ch. 1
08/30	Historical Causes of the Development Gap Contemporary Causes of the Development Gap	Griffiths 4, 8, 9 Griffiths 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12
09/06	China	JKK Ch. 2
09/13	India	JKK Ch. 3; Griffiths 7
09/20	**Exam 1**	
09/27	Mexico	JKK Ch. 4 Griffiths 25
10/04	Demographics and the Environment Poverty and Epidemics	Griffiths 3, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 32, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 46, 47, 50
10/11	Brazil	JKK Ch. 5
10/18	Nigeria	JKK Ch. 6
10/25	**Exam 2**	
11/01	Iran	JKK Ch. 7
11/08	Women and Development Human Rights and International Migration	Griffiths 27, 44, 45, 48, 49, 51, 52
11/15	Development in Africa	Griffiths 21, 23, 26, 29
11/22	Failed States Political Change and Violence in the Developing World	Griffiths 18, 19, 20, 22, 28, 30-36, 38
11/29	**Exam 3**	
TBA	**Final Exam**	

Course Policies

Grading Criteria	Please note that grades will not be shared through phone, e-mail or mail. You will have to log on to Webcourses in order to find out your grades. Three exams will make up 75% of your final grade. A writing project (two parts) will make up 25% of your final grade. ***Exams*** There will be four exams in this class. Three exams are compulsory. If you do not take one of the three exams during the semester, the final exam will be compulsory. If you take the three exams during the semester and you are satisfied with your grade, you can choose not to take the final. If you take three exams and also decide to take the final, your lowest scoring exam will be replaced with the grade you receive for the final exam. There will be no exceptions: even if your grade in the

	final is lower than the grade you were seeking to replace, the grade in the final will be the one I will take into account in calculating your final grade. Please note that the final exam is comprehensive. Also note that once you sit for an exam you will receive a grade for that exam. Exams will cover material from the readings and from the lectures and will each constitute 25% of your final grade. Bring picture identification to each exam. ***<u>Exam Schedule</u>*** September 20th Exam 1 October 25th Exam 2 November 29th Exam 3 TBA Final Exam ***<u>Research Project</u>*** A two part research project will also account for 25% of your grade. I will post several research topics, giving the students the ability to choose one area or topic that is most interesting to them. Part one of the project will be due on 10/04, part two on 11/08. More details TBA. ***<u>Grading Formula</u>*** `(exam1 *.25)+ (exam2*.25) +(exam3*.25) +(research project*.25) = final grade` ***<u>Grading Scale</u>*** A (93- 100%), A-(90-92%), B+ (87-89%), B (83-86%), B- (80-82%), C+ (77-79%), C (73-76%), C- (70-72%), D+ (67-69%), D (63-66%), D- (60-62%), F (Below 60%).
Make-up Exams	Exams and project due dates are scheduled well in advance so that you can plan around these dates. No one may make up a test or turn in a project late at will. There are two exceptions. First, for serious personal emergencies (a death in the family, medical problems), students should obtain a note or evidence from their doctor or the appropriate authorities. Second, for students with extra-curricular activities that are in conflict with deadlines, arrangements for an alternate test date must be made at least a week in advance of the scheduled test or deadline. Students must provide verification of the activity in order to be eligible for an alternate test date. I do not accept notification after the fact ("I did not take the test last week because I had a match/concert").
Extra Credit	For now, there are no extra credit opportunities offered in this class. The instructor may modify this policy during the semester and will announce the change in a timely manner.
Media Resources	In order to do well in this and any Political Science class, students should have a good awareness and a good understanding of current events. I encourage students to keep informed through accessing visual, print and web media. Some credible and reliable news outlets include, among

	others: BBC World, the New York Times, The Washington Post, CNN, The National Public Radio, Financial Times, The Economist, The Atlantic Monthly, Time Magazine and Newsweek.
Class Attendance	Attendance is required. Lectures cover material that you will not be able to find in the book. I will not provide notes for students missing class.
Classroom Citizenship	Besides interactive participation, I expect discipline in the class room. Be courteous to others, be on time and do not leave early, unless there is a pertinent reason and you have notified me. Do not eat, text or talk to your colleagues during lecture. Part of being a college student is having manners and respecting those around you. **Turn off** your cell phones and **store them away** in your book bag, for the duration of the class. Set your laptop's volume on mute. Laptop users: make sure you are using your laptop exclusively for taking notes while in class. Laptop usage is a privilege and I reserve the right to revoke it at any time during the semester if you do not follow these rules.
Academic Integrity	Students must demonstrate a high level of responsibility and academic honesty. Because the value of an academic degree depends upon the absolute integrity of the work done by the student for that degree, it is imperative that a student demonstrate a high standard of individual honor in his or her scholastic work. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, statements, acts or omissions related to applications for enrollment or the award of a degree, and/or the submission as one's own work or material that is not one's own. As a general rule, scholastic dishonesty involves one of the following acts: cheating, plagiarism, collusion and/or falsifying academic records. If you are not sure what constitutes plagiarism and how to avoid it, take this UCF library tutorial: http://infolit.ucf.edu/students/modules/#article116 I will make sure that students suspected of academic dishonesty will automatically fail the class and will also be subject to disciplinary proceedings. http://regulations.ucf.edu/~regs/pdf/notices/5.015StuAcademicBehaviorStandards_newJul09_001.pdf
Class Withdrawal	The administration of this institution has set deadlines for withdrawal of any college-level courses. These dates and times are published in that semester's course catalog. Administration procedures must be followed. It is the student's responsibility to handle withdrawal requirements from any class. In other words, I cannot drop or withdraw any student. You must do the proper paperwork to ensure that you will not receive a final grade of " F" in a course if you choose not to attend the class once you are enrolled. Procedures regarding withdrawal policies can be found here: http://www.catalog.sdes.ucf.edu/UCFUGRDCatalog1011.pdf
Student Grievance Procedures	Procedures regarding student grievances can be found here: http://regulations.ucf.edu/~regs/pdf/notices/5.016StuAcademicAppeals_newJul09_001.pdf

Incomplete Grades	Procedures regarding withdrawal policies can be found here: http://www.catalog.sdes.ucf.edu/UCFUGRDCatalog1011.pdf
Disability Resources	If you have a disability and require accommodations, please contact the instructor early in the semester so that your learning needs may be appropriately met. You will also need to contact the Student Disability Services: http://www.sds.sdes.ucf.edu/
Religious Holy Days	The University of Central Florida welcomes diversity of religious beliefs and practices, recognizing the contributions differing experiences and viewpoints can bring to the community. There may be times when an academic or work requirement conflicts with religious observances and practices. If that happens, students may request reasonable accommodation of their religious practices. In all cases, you must put your request in writing and present it to the instructor at the beginning of the semester. The instructor or supervisor will review the situation in an effort to provide a reasonable accommodation when possible to do so without fundamentally altering a course or creating an undue burden for the department. For more details, consult: http://regulations.ucf.edu/~regs/pdf/notices/5.020ReligiousObservancesNEW_Oct09_000.pdf
Graduate Teaching Assistant	The GTA for this class is Sabrina Stein. Should you be in need of immediate assistance, and not able to reach me, you should contact Sabrina at: sstein@knights.ucf.edu

These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor. I will provide notification of such changes in a timely manner.