

**DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY  
DEVELOPMENT STUDIES INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM**

**DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (DEST) 201 - SPRING 2018  
INTRODUCTION TO DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

**Location:** ICT121                      **Time:** MW. 9:00-11:45  
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**Prerequisite(s): none**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is designed to provide students with a strong foundation and understanding of the major theoretical and methodological debates and approaches that have informed global development thinking, policy, and practice over the past sixty years. The emphasis will be to examine the historical context in which different theoretical approaches to development have emerged and their current practical implications for both “developed” and “developing” countries.

Drawing on national and international case studies, the course will examine the meanings of the term “development” and the historical processes behind the emergence of major global complex issues, such as poverty, inequality, and injustice. Students will have the unique opportunity to critically reflect and analyze how certain parts of the world came to be classified as “underdeveloped” and in need of “development” solutions. Students are strongly urged to use this opportunity to ‘think outside the box’, open their minds to the possibility that no single theoretical position has all the answers to the today’s development challenges; and thus, there is the need to consider new ways of conceptualizing and addressing developmental problems around the world.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE**

The objectives of this course are to provide students with the tools and theoretical framework for understanding, critically analyzing, and assessing the various debates relating to development, in both international and local contexts from an interdisciplinary perspective. The course is also aimed at providing a strong foundation for subsequent courses in Development Studies.

**COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

- demonstrate a sound understanding of the basic concepts and theories, and the changing definitions of development over the course of the twentieth century to the present;

- critically evaluate and assess the strengths and weaknesses of the main concepts and theories that have informed past and current development practices at both international and local contexts from an interdisciplinary perspective;
- demonstrate a critical understanding of how individual identities, global processes, and experiences shape societal problems (e.g. poverty, injustice, and environmental crises), and create challenges to, and opportunities for development;
- Understand the different roles of development actors, and the debates about their role and impact.

### TEXTBOOKS AND READINGS:

Haslam, P.A. Schafer, J., and Beaudet P. (2017, eds.). *Introduction to International Development: Approaches, Actors and Issues*. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

### ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Veltmeyer, H. and Bowles, P. (2018) *The Essential Guide to Critical Development Studies*. New York: Routledge.
- Desai, V. and Potter, R.B. (2002, eds.). *The Companion to Development*. Third edition. New York: Routledge.

### USEFUL RESOURCES (JOURNALS, PERIODICALS, ANNUALS, DATABASES, & WEB SOURCES)

- Canadian Journal of Development Studies
- Canadian Development Report
- Development Policy Review
- IDS Bulletin
- Development and Change
- Journal of Development in Practice
- Journal of Development Studies
- Canadian International Development
- Journal of International Development
- World Development
- Amnesty, *Human Rights Yearbook*
- World Bank, *World Development Report*  
<http://www.odihpn.org/>
- IDS Sussex:  
<http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/info/index.html>
- World Bank:  
<http://worldbank.org/devforum/index.html>
- Human Development Reports:  
<http://hdr.undp.org/reports/global/2004>
- Humanitarian Practice Network:  
<https://odihpn.org/>

### ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATION

Participation	10%	
Group Work	20%	June 20 2018
Mid-Term Exam	30%	June 4 <sup>th</sup> 2018
Final Exam (cumulative)	40%	TBD by Registrar (June 28-30)

### PARTICIPATION: 10%

Participation is an important component of this class. You are expected to come to class having done all the readings and ready to actively participate in the lectures by engaging in discussion and asking questions. Participation will be assessed based on your active participation during the lectures (thoughtful and engaged questions and comments) and unannounced pop quizzes held throughout the course.

### **GROUP WORK: 20%**

Students will be divided into groups (number of students per group will depend on class size). Each group will present on an assigned topic covered in the class. This is a reflection exercise about key concepts and key scholars in development theory. Details to be discussed in class.

### **MIDTERM EXAM 30%**

This is a closed-book exam designed to test your grasp of the material covered in lectures and from course readings, up to the date of the exam. This means that you will be expected to have read all the required readings on topics covered in the course, up to the date of the exam. The best way to prepare for this exercise is to read and reflect on lectures and course readings. Exams will also cover lectures by guest speakers, and information from videos/films shown in the class.

### **REGISTRAR-SCHEDULED FINAL EXAMINATION: 40%**

The final exam will consist of all material covered in lectures and course readings throughout the entire course. This means that you will be expected to have read all the required readings on topics covered in the entire course, including material covered prior to the midterm. The best way to prepare for the exam is to read and reflect on lectures and course readings. Exams will also cover lectures by guest speakers, and information from videos/films shown in the class.

**Both the midterm and final exam have a mixed format and may include a combination of multiple choice, short and long answers.**

**Note:** All written assignments (including, although to a lesser extent, written exam responses) will be assessed at least partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization.

### **POLICY FOR LATE ASSIGNMENTS & MISSED EXAMS.**

- a). Assignments submitted after the deadline may be penalized with the loss of a grade (e.g. A- to B+) for each day late. Extensions will only be granted under legitimate circumstances. See *Request for Extension Form* on D2L. This form should be filled out and submitted to me two weeks before the due date for the submission of the assignment.
- b) Similarly, no alternate dates for exams will be provided unless the student has been legitimately excused or have tangible reasons supported with documentation. The same policy applies to missed exams.

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT**

This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). As consequence, students should identify themselves on all written work by using their ID number. In addition, you will be required to provide a piece of picture identification to pick up an assignment or look at a final exam. For more information:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: USE OF EMAIL**

Due to a high volume of daily e-mail messages, students are advised to meet me during office hours or make an appointment in the case of an issue that requires urgent attention. Please note that e-mail messages can be sent to the wrong address, accidentally deleted, buried or disappear into cyberspace. All questions and requests should therefore be made in person, especially if they concern extensions and other serious or urgent matters. I normally reply within 72 hours during regular business hours. Questions of general interest can and will be addressed in class. Students are advised to use their **ucalgary** email accounts in all communication on issues related to this course, including all correspondence with peers and instructor. All course related communication with peers and instructor should be formal. This means that emails must be clearly written, devoid of short-hand and other forms of informalities.

## GRADING SYSTEM

The following grading system is used in the Faculty of Arts. Where a grade on a particular assignment is expressed as a letter grade, it will normally be converted to a number using the midpoint of the scale. That is, A- would be converted to 87.5 for calculation purposes. An F will be converted to zero.

Grading Scale	
A+	94.9 - 100
A	89.9 – 94.8
A -	84.9 – 89.8
B+	79.9 – 84.8
B	74.9 – 79.8
B-	70.9 – 74.8
C+	66.9 – 70.8
C	62.9 – 66.8
C-	58.9 – 62.8
D+	54.9 – 58.8
D	49.9 – 54.8
F	49.8 and below

## INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE INFORMATION

The use of cell phones is not allowed during lectures. Students may use computers in class, however, the instructor reserves the right to forbid students from using computers if their use is disruptive to the class. This may include chatting online, playing music or games etc. during class.

## ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

For information on academic misconduct and the consequences thereof please see the current University of Calgary calendar at the following link: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>

## SAFEWALK PROGRAM - 403-220-5333

Campus Security will escort individuals day or night -- call 403-220-5333 for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phone located at most parking lot booths.

## STUDENT REPRESENTATION

There are now four Arts reps because of the amalgamation, with the email addresses being: [arts1@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@su.ucalgary.ca); [arts2@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts2@su.ucalgary.ca); [arts3@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts3@su.ucalgary.ca); [arts4@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts4@su.ucalgary.ca)  
Please contact if you have questions related to Students Union matters, events, or concerns.  
For your student ombudsman, please see: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>

## ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy>

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the instructor of this course.

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity is essential to the pursuit of learning and scholarship in a university, and to ensuring that a degree from the University of Calgary is a strong signal of each student's individual academic achievements. As a result, the University treats cases of cheating and plagiarism very seriously. Non-academic integrity also constitutes an important component of this program.

For detailed information on what constitutes academic and non-academic misconduct, please refer to the following link: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2-1.html>

All suspected cases of academic and non-academic misconduct will be investigated following procedures outlined in the University Calendar. If you have questions or concerns about what constitutes appropriate academic behavior or appropriate research and citation methods, you are expected to seek out additional information on academic integrity from your instructor or from other institutional resources.

Where there is a criminal act involved in plagiarism, cheating or other academic misconduct, e.g., theft (taking another student's paper from their possession, or from the possession of a faculty member without permission), breaking and entering (forcibly entering an office to gain access to papers, grades or records), forgery, personation and conspiracy (impersonating another student by agreement and writing their paper) and other such offences under the Criminal Code of Canada, the University may take legal advice on the appropriate response and, where appropriate, refer the matter to the police, in addition to or in substitution for any action taken under these regulations by the University

## TEACHING EVALUATIONS / USRI (Universal Student Ratings of Instruction)

At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses. Your responses make a difference, please participate! Website: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/usri>

### Writing Across the Curriculum

Writing skills are not exclusive to English courses and, in fact, should cross all disciplines. The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well so that when they graduate their writing abilities will be far above the minimal standards required at entrance. Consistent with this belief, students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their University courses and, where appropriate, members of faculty can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Support, part of the Student Success Centre, can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance

**Emergency Evacuation Assembly Points:** In the event of an emergency that requires evacuation, please refer to the following link to become familiar with the assembly points for the class:  
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

### Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act:

The University of Calgary is committed to protecting the privacy of individuals who work and study at the University or who otherwise interact with the University in accordance with the standards set out in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Please refer to the following link for detailed information: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip>

The Department of Anthropology and Archaeology's FOIP (Freedom of Information and Privacy) policy requires all reports/examinations to be returned to students during class time or the instructor's office hours. Any term work not picked up will be placed in the Anthropology and Archaeology Office (ES620) for distribution. Any student not wishing to have their work placed in the office must make alternative arrangements with the course instructor early in the term.

**Safewalk Information:** Campus Security, in partnership with the Students' Union, provides the Safewalk service, 24 hours a day to any location on Campus including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones and University residences. Contact Campus Security at (403) 220-5333 or use a help phone, and Safewalkers or a Campus Security Officer will accompany you to your campus destination.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources: Have a question, but not sure where to start? Arts Students' Centre  
The Faculty of Arts Students' Centre is the overall headquarters for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Arts. The key objective of this office is to connect students with whatever academic assistance that they require. In addition to housing the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs and Student Affairs and the Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning, the Arts Students' Centre is the specific home to:

- program advising
- the Faculty's Co-operative Education Program
- the Arts and Science Honours Academy
- the Faculty's Interdisciplinary Programs
- a Student

Help Desk

Location: Social

Sciences Room 102

Phone:

403.220.3580

Email: [ascarts@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ascarts@ucalgary.ca)

Website: [arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/](http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/)

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block. Contacts for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:

[arts1@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@su.ucalgary.ca)

[arts2@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts2@su.ucalgary.ca)

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Ombudsman's office: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ombuds/>

