

Growth and Development Economics

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Content and learning outcomes

Content This module starts with a broad overview about Economic Growth by documenting the staggering differences between (and within) countries and covering some of the theories that have been proposed to explain them. Further on the module focusses on smaller (but equally important) questions about nutrition, health, education and population. Methods used in modern empirical research will be explained. Lastly, some of the recent advances in the novel field of historical development will be presented.

Learning outcomes This course serves as an advanced introduction to the fields of economic growth, development economics and economic history. The idea is that students learn about the fundamental paradigms and schools of thought of economics development and that they are able to think critically and proactively about issues of economic growth and development.

Teaching and learning methods

Type of course/learning methods	Topic	Language of instruction	Group size	Contact time	Workload [h]
Lecture	Growth and Development Economics	English	open	4 hours	60
Self-study					165

Prerequisites

obligatory	none
recommended	A good working knowledge of calculus, statistics and econometrics is recommended.

Degree program allocation

Study Program	obligatory/ elective	Semester
Master of Science Economics Study Field: Macroeconomics and Public Economics	elective	2nd
Master of Science Mathematics	elective	2nd

Requirements for the awarding of credit points (ECTS)

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Prerequisites for participation	none	7,5 CP
Types of Assessment (graded, incl. weighting factor) Examination language	Written or oral exam or term paper (graded, 100%) - English	

Course Cycle	Workload	Duration
Winter term <input type="checkbox"/> Winter and Summer term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Summer term <input type="checkbox"/>	225 h	1 Term

Module coordination

Teaching person	See https://basis.uni-bonn.de
Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Christian Bayer
Institute/Department	Department of Economics

Further Information

(Reading lists, information links etc.)	Recommended Literature: Ray, Debraj. Development Economics. Princeton University Press, 1998. (DE) Banerjee, Abhijit and Esther Duflo. Poor Economics: A radical rethinking of the way to fight global poverty. Public Affairs, 2011. (PE) More advanced and specific articles that serve as complementary reading will be posted as we go along.
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