**11-06**

**Agricultural Economics 2350**

**Introduction to the Economics of Developing Countries –**

**Preliminary Reading List and Lecture Outline**

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All readings are from Perkins et. al. Economics of Development 7th Edition except where otherwise noted

**1. Aug 24 –** What is Economic Growth and Development?

Chapter 1

**2. Aug. 29**  **-** Measuring Economic Growth and Development

Chapter 2

**3. Aug. 31 -** What Does a Growing Country Look Like and Why?

Chapter 3

**4. Sept. 7** Do we know how to promote development? Development Strategies

Chapter 5

**5. Sept. 12** Development Strategies continued.

Chapter 5

**6. Sept. 14**  Capital, Investment and Savings

Chapter 4 and 10

***First Written Assignment Due September 15***

**7. Sept. 19**  Money and Financial Development

Chapter 12

**8. Sept. 21**  Fiscal Policy in Low Income Countries

Chapter 11

**9. Sept. 26** International Debt – History and Measurement

Chapter 13 (except for Box 13-4)

**10. Sept. 28** International Debt continued – Debt Crises and Panic!!!!!

**11. October 3**  Foreign Aid

Chapter 14

**12. Oct. 5**  Poverty at the Household Level #1 – Facts and International Goals

***Second Written Assignment Due October 6***

**Oct. 10 – NO CLASS – FALL BREAK!!**

**13. Oct. 12** Poverty at the Household Level #2 – Impact Assessment and Intervention

**14. Oct. 17** Poverty at the Household Level #3 – Cash vs. Food

**15. Oct. 19** Poverty at the Household Level #4 – Gender Issues

**16.** **Oct. 24**  Agriculture and Development #1 – two sector models

Chapter 16

**17. Oct. 26** Agriculture and Development #2 - The Green revolution

Chapter 17

**18. Oct. 31** Agriculture and Development #3 **–** Biotech, GMO’s and New Technologies

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-truth-about-genetically-modified-food/>

[Health](http://www.scientificamerican.com/health-and-medicine) » [Scientific American Volume 309, Issue 3](http://www.scientificamerican.com/magazine/sa/2013/09-01/)

Chapter 17

**Oct. 12 – NO CLASS – FALL BREAK!!**

**19. Nov. 2 –** Sustainability – Growth and the Environment

Chapter 20

***Third Written Assignment Due November 3***

**20. Nov. 7 –**  Trade and Development – Comparative Advantage

Chapter 18

**21. Nov. 9** - Trade Strategy Revisited - Export Promotion

Chapter 18 and 19

**22. Nov 14 –** More Trade Policy – Tariffs and effective rates of protection

Chapter 19

**23. Nov. 16 –** Real Exchange Rate and Internal & External Balance

Chapter 15 (Through page 553 only)

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/004/x3936e/x3936e10.htm>

**24. Nov. 21 –** The Resource Curse

Chapter 15 and pp 693-707

***Fourth Written Assignment Due November 22***

**Nov. 23 – NO CLASS – Wednesday before THANKSGIVING**

**25. Nov. 28 –**The WTO and Developing countries

Chapter 19

**26. Nov. 30-** The World Bank and the IMF

***Fifth Written Assignment Due December 1***