**7-28**

**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 26 –** What is Economic Growth and Development?

Chapter 1

**2. Sept. 2**  **-** Measuring Economic Growth and Development

Chapter 2

**3. Sept. 7 -** What Does a Growing Country Look Like and Why?

Chapter 3 and 4

**4. Sept. 9** – Theories of Growth and Capital Accumulation continued

Chapter 4

**5. Sept. 14 –**  Do we know how to promote development?

Chapter 5

**6. Sept. 16** – Poverty at the Household Level #1 – Facts and International Goals

***First Written Assignment Due September 17***

**7. Sept. 21**- Poverty at the Household Level #2 – Impact Assessment and Intervention

**8. Sept. 23 –** Poverty at the Household Level #3 – Cash vs. Food

**9. Sept. 28 –** Poverty at the Household Level #4 – Gender Issues

10. **Sept. 30 –** Investment and Savings

Chapter 10

**11. Oct. 5 – –** Fiscal Policy in Low Income Countries

Chapter 11

**12. Oct. 7** Money and Financial Development

Chapter 12

***Second Written Assignment Due October 8***

**Oct. 12 – NO CLASS – FALL BREAK!!**

**13. Oct. 14 –** Financial Repression and Development

Chapter 12

**14. Oct. 19 –**International Debt and Debt Crises

Chapter 13 (except for Box 13-4)

**15. Oct. 21 –** Foreign Aid

Chapter 14

**16. Oct. 26 –** Real Exchange Rate and Internal & External Balance

Chapter 15 (Through page 553 only)

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

**17. Oct. 28 –** The Resource Curse

Chapter 15 and pp 693-707

***Third Written Assignment Due October 29***

**18. Nov. 2 -** Agriculture and Development #1 – two sector models

Chapter 16

**19. Nov. 4 -** Agriculture and Development #2 - The Green revolution

Chapter 17

**20. Nov. 9 –** 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

**21. Nov. 11 –**  Trade and Development – Comparative Advantage

Chapter 18

***Fourth Written Assignment Due November 12***

**22. Nov. 16** - History of trade policy – ISI and Export Promotion

Chapter 18 and 19

**23. Nov 18 –** More Trade Policy – Tariffs and effective rates of protection

Chapter 19

**24. Nov. 23 –**The WTO and Developing countries

Chapter 19

**Nov. 25 – NO CLASS – Wednesday before THANKSGIVING**

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

**26. Dec. 2 –** Sustainability – Growth and the Environment

Chapter 20

***Fifth Written Assignment Due December 3***