

Economics (ECON) 366

Economic Development (Revision 5)

Delivery mode: Individualized study online [↗](#) with eText [↗](#)

Credits: 3


Areas of study: Arts, or Social Science

Prerequisites: ECON 247 or ECON 248 or an introductory course in economics.

Precluded: ECON 366 may not be taken for credit if credit has already been obtained for ECON 376.

Challenge: ECON 366 has a challenge for credit option.

Faculty: Faculty of Business [↗](#)

Status: Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#) [↗](#) for the current revision 

Notes: Students registering in grouped study mode are advised that there may be some differences in the evaluation and course materials information indicated below. To obtain the most up-to-date

information, contact the Faculty of Business
Student Support Centre at 1-800-468-6531.

Overview

Welcome to *ECON 366: Economic Development*. This three-credit, senior-level course in economics at Athabasca University can be taken as an elective for students in business, political science, international studies, and history. An introductory economics course is a prerequisite for *ECON 366*.


In this course, you will study the economic circumstances and development experiences of the nations in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. We will examine the likely reasons that some countries have developed more rapidly than others and the range of economic policies that have been implemented to promote the process of economic development.

Outline


ECON 366 is divided into eight units, as outlined below:


- Unit 1: Economic Development: An Introduction and Overview
- Unit 2: Development Ideas in Historical Perspective
- Unit 3: Growth, Poverty, and Income Distribution
- Unit 4: Population Growth, Urbanization, and Internal Migration
- Unit 5: Human Capital: Education and Health in Economic Development
- Unit 6: Agricultural Transformation and Rural Development
- Unit 7: International Trade and Development
- Unit 8: Capital Flows and Development

Evaluation


Your final grade in *ECON 366* will be based on your performance on five assignments and a Final Examination. The passing grade for the Final Examination is **D (50 percent)** . You must also achieve an overall course grade of at least D (50 percent) to pass the course. The weighting of each assessment activity is indicated in the table below.

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1	10%
Assignment 2	10%
Assignment 3	10%
Assignment 4	10%
Assignment 5	20%
Final Exam	40%
Total	100%

The **final examination** for this course must be taken online with an AU-approved exam invigilator at an approved invigilation centre. It is your responsibility to ensure your chosen invigilation centre can accommodate online exams. For a list of invigilators who can accommodate online exams, visit the [Exam Invigilation Network](#) .

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#) .

Materials

Todaro, M. P., & Smith, S. C. (2015). *Economic development* (12th ed.). Boston: Pearson/Addison Wesley. ISBN 9780133406788  (eText)

eText

Registration in this course includes an electronic textbook. For more information on **electronic textbooks** [↗](#), please refer to our **eText Initiative site** [↗](#).

Other Resources

All other learning resources will be available online.

Challenge for credit

Overview

The Challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about **Challenge for credit** [↗](#) can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Evaluation





To **receive credit** [↗](#) for the ECON 366 challenge registration, you must achieve a grade of at least 50 percent on the examination.

Online Exam (3 hours)



Challenge for credit course registration form

Important links

- › [Academic advising](#) 
- › [Program planning](#) 
- › [Request assistance](#) 
- › [Support services](#) 

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