

Development Economics

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| Institution: | Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals |
| Year: | Year 2 |
| Course type: | Track specific course |
| ECTS: | 4 |

Brief description (including learning outcomes):

The course focuses on three main development topics; poverty, inequality and growth, topics which have become even more important in light of the global economic crisis of 2008-2009 which has affected most developing countries (with the exception of China and India) disproportionately. The subject introduces students to development theory and the main debates in the field of economic development (traditional economic growth models, overview of basic needs, “growth and equality” and macro-economic growth with poverty reduction): the role of the state in development (from a state that “develops” to a “permissive state”), different development strategies and crucial issues such as poverty, inequality and access to utilities and services (such as land, water and health) in developing countries and transition economies, in the context of rapid globalization of the global economy, and in relation to the “Millennium Development Goals” for 2015.

The learning outcomes of the course include

- in-depth understanding of different strategies and development models and their role in developing countries on different continents (and more recently in economies in transition),
- analytical understanding of the expansive global economy, aspects of inequality in trade and the growing gap between rich and poor
- continued handling of different income indexes (wealth and expenditure), and inequality and poverty
- critical interpretation of debates, good practice for the reduction of poverty, standard tools being proposed by the IFI and the viability of the “Millennium Development Goals”.