

ECON343 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF EAST ASIA: Summer 2016

Main Theme: Issues on Economic Development in Asia

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Course Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/uscglobasia/>

I. Main Purpose:

In this course, we study some key issues on economic development in the Asian region by applying basic economic analysis.

The main objective is to understand various opinions and approaches about Asia's economic development and obtain insight into current issues in the global economy.

II. Key Points:

(a) Students' interest and initiative will be crucially important in understanding key issues to be studied in this course, and not much lecture will be given in class.

(b) Each student's individual efforts to improve his/her own capacity for study and understanding will be encouraged, measured and evaluated constantly.

(c) Each student's performance will be observed and tested in every class, where no PCs or smart phones are allowed in use at any time.

(d) There will be either quizzes, polls, tests in every class, and a term paper on Asia's economy is required. Instead, no midterm or final will be given.

(e) For these reasons, preparation and attendance are essential. In case of absence (only health reasons are acceptable), the student must contact the instructor in advance to make some makeup arrangement and avoid penalties.

III. Class Organization:

Preparation: Students' preview of class materials on the course website

Mondays: Overview of the current issue selected, and a quiz on the issue

Tuesdays: Students' debate on the issue, and a survey on each student's stance.

Wednesdays: Discussions on related issues, and a weekly test

IV. Grading:

Class participation (attendance, class discussion, communication).....15%

Quizzes (Monday's quizzes).....5%

Debate performance (Tuesday's debate).....10%

Weekly tests (Wednesday's tests).....40%

Term paper (topic due 6/15, draft due 6/29, final version due 7/9).....30%

CLASS SCHEDULE

May

18 (W): Course Outline, Questionnaire, and Self-Introduction

23 (M): Issue 0 - “Models of Economic Development: Part 1”

24 (T): Issue 0 - “Models of Economic Development: Part 2” and Quiz 0

25 (W): Issue 1 – “China’s Slowdown: Temporary or Long-term” and Quiz 1

31 (T): Debate 1

June

1 (W): Related Topics, and Test 1

6 (M): Issue 2 – “Focus on Inequality or Poverty” and Quiz 2

7 (T): Debate 2

8 (W): Related Topics, and Test 2

13 (M): Issue 3 – “Development or Environment” and Quiz 3

14 (T): Debate 3

15 (W): Related Topics, and Test 3 (Term paper topic, due midnight)

20 (M): Issue 4 – “Economic Integration: TPP or RCEP” and Quiz 4

21 (T): Debate 4

22 (W): Related Topics and Test 4

27 (M): Issue 5 – “Population: the More or Less the Better” and Quiz 5

28 (T): Debate 5

29 (W): Related Topics and Test 5 (Term paper draft, due midnight)

July

5 (T): Issue 6 – “Other Issues”, and Quiz 6

6 (W): Related Topics and Test 6

9 (Sat): Term paper final version, due midnight

11 (M): **No Class** (Term paper to be graded)

12 (T): **No Class** (Final grade to be notified)