

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY COURSE OUTLINES		
TERM: FALL 2013	COURSE NO: ECON 342	
INSTRUCTOR:	COURSE NAME: Economic Growth	
OFFICE: LOCAL: E-MAIL:	SECTION NO(S):	CREDITS: 3
OFFICE HOURS:		

COURSE FORMAT:

Three hours of class time, plus an additional hour delivered through on-line or other activities for a 15 week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams.

COURSE PREREQUISITES:

45 credits of 100 level or higher course work.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will examine the causes and implications of differences in economic growth around the world. Economic theory is used to analyze issues of traditional fertility and mortality patterns, demographic transition, well-being and nutrition, international and internal migration, epidemics and growth spurts.

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand economic growth and its implications.
- Apply economic theories to everyday life decision making and its implications – fertility and mortality, our well being, and migration.
- Examine the causes and implication of epidemics and growth.

These are assessed by quizzes, midterm and final exams, and a research project.

COURSE WEBSITE:

<http://moodle.capilanou.ca>

REQUIRED TEXTS:

David N. Weil, 2009, Economic Growth. Boston, MA: Pearson Education, Inc.

GRADE PROFILE:

A+ = 90 - 100%	B+ = 77 - 79%	C+ = 67 - 69%	D = 50 - 59%
A = 85 - 89	B = 73 - 76	C = 63 - 66	F = 0 - 49
A- = 80 - 84	B- = 70 - 72	C- = 60 - 62	

COURSE CONTENT:

Week(s)	Content
1	Course Introduction and Introduction of Economic Theories Chapter 1: The Facts to Be Explained
2/3	Chapter 2: A Framework for Analysis
3/4	Chapter 4: Population and Economic Growth (skip 4.2)
5	Chapter 5: Future Population Trends (skip 5.2) Chapter 6: Human Capital (skip 6.2)
6	Chapter 8: The role of technology in Growth Chapter 10: Efficiency
7	Chapter 11: Growth in the Open Economy
8	Midterm
9	Chapter 12: Government
10	Chapter 13: Income Inequality
11	Chapter 14: Culture
12	Chapter 15: Geography, Climate, and Natural Resources
13	Chapter 16: Resources and the Environment at the Global Level
14/15	Final exam weeks

EVALUATION PROFILE:

Forum (4 th hour activity)	10%
Quizzes (4 x 5%)	20%
Midterm	20%
Research project	20%
Final exam	30%
Total	100%

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

4th hour activities: Various forums will be assigned on Moodle.

Quizzes: The quizzes will consist of short answer questions, which will take place at the beginning of the class for 10 to 15 min.

Midterm: The midterm will consist of short answer questions and short essays.

Research Project: Students are required to do a research project to demonstrate their knowledge about economic theories and their applications. Students will need to choose one of the countries (and periods) discussed in class in order to analyze that chosen country's economic growth and identify a correlation to that country's demographic changes if that exists. This empirical research requires collecting data from statistics agencies from that chosen country, which could be done through internet research and/or library research.

Final Exam: The final exam is comprehensive. It will consist of short answer questions and short essays.

OPERATIONAL DETAILS:

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Cheating and Plagiarism, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

Attendance: Regular attendance is expected and students are responsible for all announcements made in class whether they are present or not. Furthermore, some topics may be extended beyond the scope of the textbook or covered in different format. Irregular attendance may impair students' ability to understand the course material.

Late Assignments: Assignments handed in late will receive a grade of zero.

Missed Exams/Quizzes:

Missed quiz, midterm, final exam will only be rescheduled for exceptional emergency and/or medical circumstances. Students must notify the instructor in advance of their inability to write an exam AND provide an official medical certificate. No rescheduling will be allowed for reasons such as holidays or car problems, and no make up quiz will be possible after the quiz is graded and returned to the class. If students do not meet the requirement, students will receive a grade of zero for the missed exams.

English Usage: It is the responsibility of students to proof-read all written work for any grammatical, spelling and stylistic errors. Marks will be deducted for incorrect grammar and spelling in written assignments.

Incomplete Grades: Incomplete grade will be available only under exceptional circumstances after prior consultation with the instructor. Students who fail to meet deadlines without prior approval during the semester will not be granted "I" grades.

Electronic Devices: No personal electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, electronic dictionaries, etc...) may be used during an examination without prior approval from the instructor. During an exam, turn off all cell phones and pagers and remove them from the desk.

Calculators: The use of programmable calculators will not be allowed in any test which is part of the grading profile.

Emergency Procedures:

Students are expected to familiarise themselves with the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.