

Geog 347B – Geographies of Development  
Fall 2013

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Thursday 11:30am – 12:50

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**Course Overview**

- This course focuses on global poverty and development from an interdisciplinary perspective. There are three main themes.
- 1. An examination of the nature and extent of poverty and inequality.
- 2. An examination of the consequences poverty has for people and societies.
- 3. A critical examination of efforts made to eliminate poverty.

Topics examined include Global Population Growth and Structure, Poverty Definition, Globalization, Foreign Aid, Food Security, Poverty and Environment Interactions.

**Late Assignment Policy** Penalty for assignments handed in more than 24 hours late is **5%** of the value of the assignment. Assignments that are one week late will not be graded.

**Course Evaluations**

Five Short Papers	<b>10 % each</b>	Class Discussion	<b>15%</b>
Final Exam	<b>35% - based on Lectures and Readings</b>	Participation - Groups	

## Grading Scale

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	D	F
90-100%	85-89%	80-84%	77-79%	73-76%	70-72%	65-69%	60-64%	50-59%	0-49%

Grades	Description as per 2010-2011 calendar, p. 38
A+ A A-	<b>Exceptional, outstanding and excellent performance.</b> Normally achieved by a minority of students. These grades indicate a student who is self-initiating, exceeds expectation and has an insightful grasp of the subject matter.
B+ B B-	<b>Very good, good and solid performance.</b> Normally achieved by the largest number of students. These grades indicate a good grasp of the subject matter or excellent grasp in one area balanced with satisfactory grasp in the other area.
C+ C	<b>Satisfactory, or minimally satisfactory.</b> These grades indicate a satisfactory performance and knowledge of the subject matter.
D	<b>Marginal Performance.</b> A student receiving this grade demonstrated a superficial grasp of the subject matter.
F	<b>Unsatisfactory</b> performance. Wrote final examination and completed course requirements. <b>(Failing grade)</b>
N	Did not write final examination or complete course requirements by the end of the term. <b>(Failing grade)</b>

## Readings and Course Help

**Course Textbook** A text is not required.

**Digital lectures** Lecture presentations and required readings can be downloaded from UVic's CourseSpaces website.

Username: your UVic Netlink-ID  
Password: your UVic Netlink-ID password

**Printing** Self-serve printing and photocopying are available using a prepaid-vend card that can be bought at all Student Computing Facilities.

**Academic Standards** Academic integrity requires commitment to the values of honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Plagiarism will be dealt with in accordance with university policy. Please review University Calendar for details (pages 33-34).

**Students with a Disability** If you have any type of disability, there are support systems, resources, and accommodation actions available to you. If you wish to access any of these, contact the Resource Centre for Students with a Disability (**RCS**D) (<http://rcsd.uvic.ca/>). Please note: **You are under no obligation to disclose your disability.**

**Other Contacts** Geography Departmental web site: <http://geography.uvic.ca/>  
GEOPLAN planning guide: <http://www.geog.uvic.ca/moodle/> [Login as a guest]  
Undergraduate Advisor: Dr. Phil Wakefield ([pwakef@geog.uvic.ca](mailto:pwakef@geog.uvic.ca))

**Course Experience Survey (CES)**

Towards the end of term, as in all other courses at UVic, you will have the opportunity to complete an anonymous survey regarding your learning experience (CES). The survey is vital to providing feedback to me regarding the course and my teaching, as well as to help the department improve the overall programme for students in the future. The survey is accessed via MyPage and can be done on your laptop, tablet, or mobile device. I will remind you and provide you with more detailed information as we approach the end of term.

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