

Economics 2336 Regional Development Fall 2024

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Lecture: Monday and Wednesday 8:35-9:55, LSC C206

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Course delivery: In-person

Prerequisites: Econ 1101, 1102

Course Description:

Why are some countries or regions poor? Why the relative positions of different countries and regions have been shifted over the last several decades? This course focuses on the economic development process and issues in China and Japan to answer these questions.

Website:

You can access to course materials through Brightspace. Please check the course website frequently for new announcements.

Evaluation: Students will be evaluated on the basis of three course requirements:

1. Group Research Paper (30%)

You will be assigned to a group to complete a group research paper. Each group consists of three or four students. Detailed requirements of the research paper will be provided in late September. This term, research topics will focus on the EV industry and education policies in China. Group assignments will be made on Sept. 25 (Wed). **All students who take this course must attend the class on Sept. 25.** The research project is due in stage throughout the term. Each group must submit your (1) proposal before/on Oct. 7, (2) draft on Nov. 18 and (3) final paper on Dec. 4. Each group is also required to make a 25 minutes presentation of your research paper in class (e.g., using powerpoint). Group presentations will be taken place in the last class(es) of the term. All data used in the term projects must come from reliable and verifiable sources, and it is strongly recommended that you collect the data yourselves (e.g., from statistical yearbooks). AI may only be used to help brainstorm ideas or edit the language. A non-AI-edited version of the research paper must be included in your final submission.

2. Midterm Exam (30%): Oct. 14.

3. Final Exam (40%): Scheduled by Registrar (Dec. 6-17)

Note:

All cell phones must be turned off when class starts and remain off until class is over. Using cell phones (texting, reading e-mail, etc.) will not be tolerated.

Grading Scheme:

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
90-100	85-89	80-84	77-79	73-76	70-72	65-69	60-64	55-59	50-54	<50

Policies on Missed Materials:

If a student misses the midterm exam for a valid medical reason, all the weight of the midterm will be shifted to the final exam. Please email me in advance and submit the Student Declaration of Absence Form online through Brightspace. No late submissions will be accepted for group research paper.

Course Coverage:

Economics of China:

1. The Pre-reform Era: 1949-1978
2. Economic Reform
3. The One Child Policy
4. Education
5. Environment
6. Government and Political Economy

Economics of Japan:

1. The Japanese Economy after WWII: Growth and Stagnation

Other General Notes:

Please note the Department of Economics Statements and University Policies on Academic Integrity posted on the course website. As part of an academic community, it is your responsibility to be aware of appropriate conduct. Any academic offense will be reported and acted upon immediately by Dalhousie administration.