

Introduction to Global Development

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24320

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Course description:

Introduction to Global Development provides students with a foundational understanding of the political, economic, and social forces that shape development outcomes across the world. The course introduces classic theories of development, contemporary critiques, and the real-world constraints practitioners face.

Drawing on global cases, data, practitioner insights, and current debates, students will learn to analyze why some countries prosper while others struggle, what actors influence development, and how today's geopolitical landscape, climate pressures, and fragility shape the future of global development.

The course culminates in an applied Budget Allocation Simulation for Haiti, where students assume the role of development decision-makers managing a \$150 million portfolio.

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Academic honesty/integrity statement:

Students are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. All work submitted must be original and properly cited. Plagiarism, cheating, or any form of academic dishonesty will result in immediate consequences as outlined in the university's academic integrity policy.