



**UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA  
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE  
DEVELOPMENT STUDIES DEPARTMENT**

**Course Code: DEV 1150**

**Course Title: INTRODUCTION TO DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

**Pre-requisite: None**

**AIM:** This course introduces students to the subject matter of Development Studies. Students are introduced to the main concepts in Development Studies and theories of development. The course also introduces students to sectoral, regional and international aspects of development by looking at the on the roles of Government and Non-governmental (NGO) and inter-governmental actors in the development process.

**OBJECTIVES:** At the end of the course, students should be able to:

1. Identify and understand the main issues involved in Development Studies;
2. Relate developmental issues to specific policies;
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts upon which subsequent courses at higher levels in the department are built.
4. Analyze the social basis of development strategies;
5. Demonstrate an understanding of the controversy surrounding the roles of the state and the market in development and the different policy implications of each perspective; and
6. Demonstrate an understanding of basic knowledge of the relationship between the various levels of Non-governmental actors and the national economy.

**COURSE CONTENT**

**1. Introduction**

- The Making of the Contemporary World
- Defining Development
- Diverse approaches to the study of development
- Conception and dimensions of development.

**2. Development problems in developing countries**

- Various labels of developing countries
- Characteristic of developing countries
- Knowledge VS Religious Economies

- Poverty and poverty alleviation
- 3. Theories of development**
    - The emergency of competing schools of thought
    - Modernization theories
    - Marxist theories of imperialism
    - Neo-Marxist Theories of underdevelopment and Dependency
  - 4. Contemporary issues in development**
    - Agriculture and food security
      - Land-grabbing – Neo-colonial Narratives
    - Environmentalism and development
    - Gender and development
    - Corruption and development
    - Conflict and development.
    - China in Africa
  - 5. Culture and development**
    - Why culture matters
    - Attitudes, values, Beliefs and prosperity
    - Mass culture and Elite culture
    - Corruption, culture and markets
    - Entrepreneurship and development
  - 6. New directions in development thinking**
    - The impasse in development thinking
    - The evolution of neo-liberalism
    - Globalization
    - International development Frameworks
      - The human rights approach to development
      - Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals
  - 7. National States, Markets and Development**
    - Capitalist development strategies
    - Socialist development strategies
    - Non-capitalist development strategies
    - Controversy surrounding the state and the market in development.
  - 8. Sectoral development approaches**
    - Industrial development
    - Agricultural and rural development
    - Balanced development.
  - 9. Political economy of foreign investment**
    - Foreign investments and development
    - Multinational corporations (MNCs) in Developing Countries
    - Technology transfer.

## 10. Foreign aid and Development

- Bilateral and multilateral aid
- Aid and development
- Food aid.

## 11. Non-governmental organizations and Development

- NGOs and Government
- Northern and Southern NGOs
- NGOs and popular participation
- NGOs and local empowerment.

## 12. Multilateralism

- Evolution of the world economy
- New International Economy Order (N.I.E.O.)
- Protectionism
- Economic Liberalization.

## 13. Regionalism

- Regional trading blocs
- South-South cooperation
- SADC and COMESA.

## 14. Economic policy reforms

- Structural adjustment programme
- Review of macro-economic performance
- Social effects of structural adjustment programmes.

## ASSESSMENT

### Continuous Assessment

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| • 2 essays (10% each)                   | = | 20%  |     |
| • 1 test                                | = | =    | 15% |
| • Tutorial attendance and participation | = | 2.5% |     |
| • Oral presentation in tutorial         | = | 2.5% |     |

### **Total continuous assessment**

= **40%**

Final examination

= 60%

### **Total Course assessment**

=

**100%**

## TEACHING METHOD

There will be four contact hours per week comprising 3 lectures of one-hour duration each and one-hour tutorial.

## REQUIRED READINGS

De Beer, F. and Swanepoel, H., Introduction to Development Studies (Oxford University Press Oxford, 2001).

Meier, G., (ed), Leading Issues in Economic Development, (Oxford University Press, New York, 1978).

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