



RURAL AND URBAN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: GLOBAL AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVES

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course analyzes the global context of urban and rural development with a focus on local issues from Costa Rica. It is designed to provide a historical understanding as well as the current context surrounding urban and rural development. A multi-dimensional approach will be taken to analyze the causes and effects of development from social, environmental and human health perspectives.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

This course aims to create understanding about the current and historical context surrounding urban and rural development globally and in Costa Rica.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. To explore the global context of urban and rural development and examine the current situation of Costa Rica within that context.
2. To understand the effects of urban and rural development on social, environmental and health dimensions of human living conditions as well as the effects these dimensions have on development.
3. To explore the ways development can be described and measured and to understand the different perspectives about how it can be best achieved.

METHODOLOGY

Active student participation is required throughout the course. Classes will include a combination of group discussions, individual presentations, group work, homework, reading, lectures and case studies and/or fieldtrips. We will aim to have a positive learning environment for all of us, so we will respect each other in class as well as those we come in contact with during the course.

EVALUATION

Midterm Exam	15%
Final Exam	15%
Attendance and participation	15%
Homework and in-class assignments	15%
Final presentation	15%
Final paper (Includes advances turned in previous to final paper)	25%



ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Each student in this course is expected to abide by logical and normal regulations regarding academic integrity. You will be held to the standard of your home University's regulations for Academic Integrity. Any work submitted by a student in this course for academic credit must be the student's own work.

You are encouraged to study together and to discuss information and concepts covered in lecture and readings with other students. You can give or receive "consulting" help from your fellow students, but this "consulting" help should never involve one student having possession or a copy of all or part of work done by someone else, in electronic or hard copy.

Should copying occur, both the student who copied work from another student and the student who gave the material to be copied will both automatically receive a zero for the assignment and may also be extended to include failure of the course and/or disciplinary action.

In the case of plagiarism, students must be sure not to copy the text or ideas of others without properly citing and indicating their sources. When in doubt about how to cite other authors, please ask the professor *before turning your assignment in*. Plagiarism will result in a zero for the assignment and may also be extended to include failure of the course.

OTHER INFORMATION:

The program, course schedule and assignments are subject to change since we will try to include current events in our learning process. The professor may modify the order or content of courses slightly in order to create a better learning situation or in order to accommodate unforeseen circumstances (such as the electricity going out during class)! A selection of readings will be made available at the beginning of the course, but more readings may be added throughout the course.



COURSE SESSIONS

Session	Topic(s)
1	-Overview and Introduction to Development
2	-Historical and Current Contexts of Development -Measuring Development Part I
3	-Measuring Development Part II -Human Health and Development
4	-Policy, Politics and Social Justice
5	-Globalization -Urban and Rural Linkages
6	-Food Security, Water Security and Nutrition
7	-Climate Change (shared class)
8	-Midterm Exam
9	-Environmental Issues linked to Development
10	-Migration (Shared class)
11	-Population Growth
12	Fair Employment and Decent Work
13	-Wrap-up and looking towards the future
14	-Student Presentations
15	-Final