Course programme 2020/2021

- [x] undergraduate studies
- [ ] graduate studies

Course ID		Fall Semester	Language of the course: English
Course title:	Development economics		
Course title in Polish:	Ekonomia rozwoju		
Total course hours:	30.00	ECTS	4
Lecturer:	Edyta Sidorczuk-Pietraszko, Ph.D.		
Prerequisite(s):	Microeconomics, Macroeconomics		

I. Course description

During the course students gain knowledge on the nature and causes of socio-economic underdevelopment in the world. Using statistical data and case studies we explain what are the patterns of economic underdevelopment and why some countries are poorer than others. We will discuss factors and tools to stimulate development.
We use scientific articles to explore each topic in greater detail. Based on discussion and class assignments, students prepare a final group project on a chosen topic.

II. Course objectives

The aim of the course is to build students' ability to analyze and understand why some countries are less developed than others and what can be done about this

III. Knowledge, skills acquisition

Topic – content summary	Knowledge, Skills
Worldwide wealth distribution	Knowledge on the development gap and its dimensions
Understanding of development in economics. Measuring development	Understanding the concept of development and its complexity. Awareness of measurement problems
Factors of development (capital, labor, land & resources, knowledge, institutions and social capital)	Ability to analyze specific development factors of different countries
Theories of development and underdevelopment	Knowledge on basic theoretical models explaining underdevelopment
Market failures in underdeveloped countries	Ability to explain the problem of underdevelopment by using the theory of external effects
Development policy and development aid (evidences from experimental economics)	Knowledge on development policy instruments

IV. Assessment

Final group project - a case study of an anti-poverty project/program.

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