Meetings

Lecture time: Tuesday and Thursday 16:00-17:20
Lecture location: QNC 2501

Instructor information

Instructor: Francisco M. Gonzalez
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Textbook

There is no required textbook for this course.

Evaluation

Student performance will be evaluated through a collection of assignments, a midterm exams and a paper, with the following weights:

Assignments: 30%
Midterm exam: 40%
Paper: 30%

Students are expected to work in groups (about 3 students per group) on all assignments. Detailed information about assignments will be provided in class. The midterm exam will be held on March 1 and it will take place in the class period and the room classes are held.

Course outline

1. Capital accumulation

2. Productivity growth


3. Institutions and culture


4. Global Inequality

Bourguignon, F., "A turning point in global inequality ... and beyond", World Bank 2011.


Autor, D., "U.S. labor market challenges over the longer term", paper prepared for the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, October 2010.


5. Rent seeking


6. Quality of life


**Weekly schedule**

1. Jan. 5, Jan. 7: macroeconomic theory
2. Jan. 12, Jan. 14: capital accumulation
5. Feb. 2, Feb. 4: growth accounting
6. Feb. 9, Feb. 11: institutions and culture
7. Feb. 16, Feb. 18: READING WEEK
9. March 1, March 3:
   - March 1: MIDTERM EXAM
   - March 3: rent seeking
10. March 8, March 10: conflict and growth
11. March 15, March 17: PRESENTATIONS
12. March 22, March 24: economics and politics
13. March 29, March 31: quality of life

**Statements and links to be included on all course outlines:**

**Economics Department Deferred Final Exam Policy**

**Cross-listed course**
Please note that a cross-listed course will count in all respective averages no matter under which rubric it has been taken. For example, a PHIL/PSCI cross-list will count in a Philosophy major average, even if the course was taken under the Political Science rubric.

**Academic Integrity**
**Academic Integrity:** In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility.

**Discipline:** A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offences, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offence, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offences (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about "rules" for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course professor, academic advisor, or the Undergraduate Associate Dean. When misconduct has been found to have occurred, disciplinary penalties will be imposed under Policy 71 – Student Discipline. For information on categories of offenses and types of penalties, students should refer to Policy 71 - Student Discipline (https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat-general-counsel/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-71)

**Grievance:** A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of his/her university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances (https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat-general-counsel/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-70), Section 4.

**Appeals:** A student may appeal the finding and/or penalty in a decision made under Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances (other than regarding a petition) or Policy 71 - Student Discipline if a ground for an appeal can be established. Read Policy 72 - Student Appeals (https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat-general-counsel/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-72).

**Other sources of information for students:**
Academic Integrity website (Arts)
https://uwaterloo.ca/arts/current-undergraduates/student-support/ethical-behaviour
Academic Integrity Office (UWaterloo)
https://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/

**Accommodation for Students with Disabilities**

**Note for students with disabilities:** The AccessAbility Services office (https://uwaterloo.ca/disability-services), located on the first floor of the Needles Hall extension (NH 1401), collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with the AS office at the beginning of each academic term.

If you are using Turnitin in your course
**Turnitin.com**: Text matching software (Turnitin®) will be used to screen assignments in this course. This is being done to verify that use of all material and sources in assignments is documented. In the first week of the term, details will be provided about the arrangements for the use of Turnitin® in this course. (Note: students must be given a reasonable option if they do not want to have their assignment screened by Turnitin®. See [guidelines for instructors](#) for more information.)