

## COURSE SYLLABUS

American University of Beirut  
Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
Department of Economics

### Econ 237 – Economic Development

#### **1. Course Description:**

The course aims at introducing the students of economics to the basic issues of development. It attempts for an understanding of the different theoretical approaches to development as well as for an overview of the various contemporary issues in development while focusing on the experience of different third world countries.

#### **2. Reference textbook:**

Perkins, Radelet, Snodgrass, Gillis, Roemer, Economics of Development, fifth edition, Norton, 2001

#### **3. Course Policy:**

Students who miss more than six class hours will be automatically dropped from the course.

#### **4. Grading Criteria**

There will be two examinations, one midterm and one final.

The grading will be as follows:

Midterm	40%
Final	55%
Class attendance and participation	5%

#### **5. Schedule**

Week 1	Introduction	Chapter 1
Week 2 & 3	Structural Change	Chapter 3
Week 4 & 5	Development and Human Welfare	Chapter 4
Week 6	Sustainable Development	Chapter 6
Week 7	Population	Chapter 7
Week 8	Capital and Saving	Chapter 11
Week 9	Fiscal Policy	Chapter 12
Week 10	Financial Policy	Chapter 13
Week 11	Agriculture	Chapter 15
Week 12	Industry	Chapter 17
Week 13	Managing an Open Economy	Chapter 19