Reading List

Course Organization

The class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in AAH 3245. The course grade will be based on three components: problem sets, an in-class presentation of a paper from the current literature, and a final exam.

The course is the first part of a two-course sequence on Macroeconomic Growth and Development. The first part of the course introduces standard models and analytical tools used in growth theory, with a special emphasis on models of human-capital accumulation. The second part of the course will focus on recent research on long-run growth. Topics include models of industrialization and demographic change; political-economy models of economic development; institutional change and endogenous property rights; models of cultural change and development; and applications of family economics to economic development.

Readings will include selected chapters from Daron Acemoglu’s forthcoming book “Introduction to Modern Economic Growth” as well as various research articles.

General Background Reading on Growth Theory

Acemoglu, Daron. Introduction to Modern Economic Growth. Unpublished Manuscript, MIT.

Introduction to the Transition from Stagnation to Growth

The Economic Takeoff and the Demographic Transition


Political Reform


**Colonial Origins and Property Rights**


**Income Distribution**


**The Changing Composition of Output**


More on Demographics, Household Economics, and the Economics of the Family


Endogenous Preferences


Dynamic Political Economy


Social Capital


