

ECON343 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF EAST ASIA: Fall 2023

Main Theme: Issues on Economic Development in East Asia

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Textbooks: No textbooks to be used

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I. Main Purpose:

In this course, we study some key issues on economic development in East Asia by applying basic economic analysis.

The main objective is to study and understand various approaches to economic development and to obtain insight into current issues in East Asia.

Such issues as “China vs the US”, “Inequality vs Poverty”, “Development vs Environment”, “East Asia vs Pacific-Rim”, “More vs Less Population” will be taken up.

II. Key Points:

(a) Lectures are given, not much in class, but mostly by lecture videos, which are to be posted and viewed by students before class.

(b) There are discussions, student presentations, debates, polls, or tests in almost every class.

(c) A term paper on East Asia’s economy is required and to be submitted on the final exam day. Instead, no midterm or final will be given in class.

(d) For these reasons, preparations and class attendance are essential. In case of absence (only health reasons are acceptable), the student must contact the instructor in advance to make some makeup arrangement and avoid penalties.

III. Grading:

Class participation (Attendance, class discussion, & communication).....	15%
Quizzes (First Tuesday’s quiz for each issue).....	5%
Presentation/Debate performance.....	15%
Weekly tests (Second Thursday’s test for each issue).....	35%
Term paper (Topic due 10/19 & Final version due on final exam day).....	30%

CLASS SCHEDULE & DEBATE ISSUES

Fall 2023

August

22 (T): Course Outline, Questionnaire, and Self-Introduction

24 (Th): Intro – “East Asia’s Economy – Overview” Quiz 00

29 (T): Intro – “Convergence Issue” Discussion

31 (Th): Intro – “Middle-income Trap Issue” Quiz 0

Sept.

5(T) Issue 1 – “China vs US; Now & Future” Discussion & Quiz 1

7(Th) Presentation 1 – “China vs US: Which will be greater?” Poll 1

12(T) Debate 1 – “China vs US: Which will be greater?” Evaluation 1

14(Th) Related Issue 1 – “China vs India” Discussion & Test 1

19(T): Issue 2 – “Inequality vs Poverty” Discussion & Quiz 2

21(Th): Presentation 2 – “Inequality vs Poverty” Poll 2

26(T): Debate 2 – “Inequality vs Poverty” Evaluation 2

28(Th): Related Issue 2 – “Global Inequality Trends” Discussions & Test 2

Oct.

3(T): Issue 3 – “Development vs Environment” Discussion & Quiz 3

5(Th): Presentation 3 – “Development vs Environment” Poll 3

10(T): Debate 3 – “Development vs Environment” Evaluation 3

12(Th): No class (Fall recess)

17(T): No class (Individual consultation by mail on term paper topic)

19(Th): Related Issue 3 – “Global Energy Issue” Discussion & Test 3

(Term paper topic due midnight on Oct 19)

24(T): Issue 4 – “East Asia vs Pacific Rim FTA” Discussion & Quiz 4

26(Th): Presentation 4 – “East Asia vs Pacific Rim FTA” Poll 4

31(T): Debate 4 – “East Asia vs Pacific Rim FTA” Evaluation 4

Nov.

2(Th): Related Issue 4 – “EU Economic Integration” Discussion & Test 4

7(T): Issue 5 – “More vs Less Population” Discussion & Quiz 5

9(W): Presentation 5 – “More vs Less Population” Poll 5

14(T): Debate 5 – “More vs Less Population” Evaluation 5

16(Th): Related Issue 5 “Nordic Small-country Model” Discussion & Test 5

21(T): Issue 6 – TBA: Quiz 6

23(Th): No class (Thanksgiving Day)

28(T): Presentation/Debate 6 – TBA: Poll & Evaluation 6

30(Th): Related Issue 6 – TBA: Test 6

Final Exam Period

Final exam day: No final to be given in class (Term paper due)
