

Faculty	Management and Social Science	
Department	Economics	
Course Title	Problems and Policies of Development	
Year of Study	1	
Course Code	ECN 405	
Credit Hours	2	
Contact Hours	30	
Mode of Delivery	Classroom Lectures	
Mode of Assessment		Weight
Continuous Assessment		30%
Final Examination		70%
Total		100%
Course Lecturer	Dr. O.J. Omokanmi	
Course Description	<p>Problem and policies of development exposes students to some of the economic problems being experienced by the developing countries and the various policy options that are being adopted in tackling the problems. Some of these problems of economic development include poverty and inequality, migration and urban unemployment, population growth, problem of clean water and sanitation, urbanization, environmental problem etc.</p>	
Course Objectives	<p>This course would enable the understanding of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poverty and inequality and the policy options 2. Population growth and overpopulation 3. Migration and urban unemployment 4. Urbanization 5. Human capital development 6. Environmental problems 	
Learning Outcomes	<p>By the end of the course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the dimension of the problem of poverty and inequality as well as the policy options in addressing them 2. Articulate the issue of population growth and overpopulation 3. Explain the problem of migration and urban unemployment 4. Understand the challenges of urbanization 5. Grabs the dimension of human capital development and the policy options to address the challenges of inadequate human capital 6. Manage the challenges of environmental pollution and help to achieve some of the environmental related goals of the sustainable development goals. 	

Teaching and Learning	The class will meet for two hours every week for a combination of both the lecture hours and tutorials.	
Detailed Course Content	The focus is on specific issues/problems such as power, water and transportation; unemployment, access to safe water, education, problem of rural poverty; Gender and inequality; Rural –urban migration, Environmental pollution; the problem of the minority group and discrimination; Population growth and the policies to address these problems such as employment policy, poverty eradication policy, agricultural policies, industrialization etc.	
	Course Content Sequencing	
Weeks	Detailed Course Outline	Allocated Time
Week 1	<p>Poverty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different definitions of poverty • Absolute poverty, extent and magnitude • Economic characteristics of the high poverty group 	
Week 2	<p>Poverty and income inequality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-dimensional poverty • The Lorenz curve and Gini-Quoefficient • Policy options on income inequality and poverty 	
Week 3	<p>Population growth and economic development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population growth: past, present and future • Population growth and quality of life • The demographic transition 	
Week 4	<p>Population growth and economic development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causes of high fertility in developing countries- the Malthusian population trap • The micro economic household theory of fertility • Some policy approaches 	
Week 5 and 6	<p>Urbanization and Rural Urban Migration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The migration and urbanization dilemma 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of cities • The urban giantism problem • The first city bias • The Urban informal sector 	
Week 7, 8	<p>Human capital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The central role of education and health • Child labour • The gender gap • Education system and development • Disease burden • The important roles of women 	
Weeks 9,	<p>Environment and Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics and the environment • Sustainable development and environmental accounting • Population, resources and the environment 	
Week 10, 11	<p>The environment and Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty and the environment • Growth versus the environment • Rural development and the environment • Urban development and the environment • The global environment ant economy 	
Week 12	Revision	
13, 14	Examination	
<p>References Todaro, P.T. and Smith, S.C. (2018). Economic development. Pearson Education Limited Jhingan, M.L. (2019). The economics of development and planning. Vrinda Publications Limited.</p>		