Development Economics
reading list (preliminary)
Spring 2003

The textbook used for this course is Hendrick Van den Berg, *Economic Growth and Development*, McGraw-Hill, 2001. In addition, a number of journal articles will be assigned; these are, for the most part, on Brandeis e-reserve.

Course requirements will include a mid-term exam, a final exam, and a semester paper. Credit will also be given for out-of-class exercises and thoughtful class participation.

You are expected to be honest in all of your academic work. The University policy on academic honesty is distributed annually as section 5 of the Rights and Responsibilities handbook. Instances of alleged dishonesty will be forwarded to the Office of Campus Life for possible referral to the Student Judicial System. Potential sanctions include failure in the course and suspension from the University. If you have any questions about my expectations, please ask.

If you are a student with a documented disability on record at Brandeis University, and if you wish to request a reasonable accommodation for this class, please see me immediately. Please keep in mind that reasonable accommodations are not provided retroactively.

I. Introduction

Van den Berg, Chapter 1, “The Importance of Economic Growth”
Van den Berg, Chapter 2, “Economic Growth Throughout History”
II. Economic Growth

Van den Berg, Chapter 4, “Solow’s Neoclassical Growth Model”

III. Growth Accounting


IV. Technological Progress and Endogenous Growth

Van den Berg, Chapter 6, “Technological Progress”

V. Inequality and Growth

VI. Population and Education

Van den Berg, Chapter 7, “Economic Growth and Population Growth”
Van den Berg, Chapter 10, “Education, Human Capital, and Growth”

VII. Institutional Aspects of Development

Van den Berg, Chapter 8, “Savings, Financial Markets, and Economic Growth”
Van den Berg, Chapter 11, “Institutions and Economic Growth”
Van den Berg, Chapter 12, “Government Institutions and Economic Growth”

VIII. Sustainable Development

Van den Berg, Chapter 14, “Are There Limits to Growth?”

IX. Trade and Development

Van den Berg, Chapter 9, “Globalization and Economic Growth”