A. Description of Course

The objective of this intense course is to offer in-depth understanding of issues related to poverty in developing countries. In discussions on the roles of governments, international agencies, donors, NGOs and private institutions, emphasis will be on developmental strategies presently employed. Study of social entrepreneurship and private sector participation will receive special attention.

B. Grading

Grading will be based on class participation and case study reports. Attendance and assignments are viewable through Black Board.

1. Class Participation - 40% of final grade:
   Each class will consist of delivery of lecture by the Professor
   a) Active participation
      i) Individual and group discussions
      ii) Critical thinking
   b) Presentations delivered by students
2. **Test - 60% of final grade:**

**C. Course Expectations**

Emphasis on participating in class discussions and factual data on the topic of Global Poverty and development will enable the students to be sensitized to the complexities of poverty and its solutions. Students' will become familiar with the different dimensions of poverty, such as income, healthcare, education and delivery of services. This course will prepare the student with essential background to pursue careers in the developmental arena.

**D. Prerequisites**

Minimal background in macro-economic theory and public policy

**E. Topics**

1. **Overview on Global Poverty**
   
   a) Global Scenario  
   b) How Is Poverty Defined?  
   d) Forms of Poverty  
   e) Global Statistics on Poverty Levels


2. **Developmental Goals**
   
   a) Establishing Development Goals  
   b) National Goals & Priorities  
   c) Specific Goals of International Agencies  
   d) Introduction of Millennium Development Goals  
   e) MG’s Focus & Targets  
   f) Millennium Promise  
   g) Millennium Villages

3. Current Poverty alleviation approaches and considerations

   a) Past & Present Strategies
   b) Strategies to Eradicate Poverty:
      1. National Development
      2. Poverty-Focus Strategies
      3. Target-Based Strategies
      4. Technology Driven Strategies
   c) Social Entrepreneurships
   d) Sustainable Development
   e) Issues Concerning Sustainable Development
   f) Myths And Realities


Microfinance:


• Morduch, Jonathan (1998), ‘Does Microfinance Really Help the Poor? New Evidence from Flagship Programs in Bangladesh,’ Research Program in Development Studies, Princeton University, draft


• Ray, Debraj, ‘chapter 8 - Poverty and under-nutrition,’ Development Economics.


4. **How do the following players function?**

   a) Government at various levels  
   b) International agencies  
   c) Donors  
   d) NGOs  
   e) Social Entrepreneurs  
   f) Private Sector


5. **Participation of the private sector**

   a) Types Of Private Sector Involvement  
   b) Philanthropy Vs. Business  
   c) Concerns & Safeguards  
   d) Creating Incentives For Private Sector Involvement

- Foster, Andrew & Rosenzweig, Mark (1999), ‘Imperfect Commitment, Altruism and the Family: Evidence from Transfer Behavior in Low-Income Areas,’ Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, draft
F. Reading List: Books