

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT FIELD 2023-2024

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

#### Fall 2023

287C Topics in Development Economics: Economic Development [cross-listed with Macroeconomics field]  
Professor Hugo Hopenhayn

#### Winter 2024

262D Development Economics  
Professor Natalie Bau

222B Productivity [cross-listed with Macroeconomics field]  
Professor: David Baqaee

#### Spring 2024

253A Taxes, Transfers, and Development [cross-listed with Applied field]  
Professor Juliana Londoño-Velez

### FIELD REQUIREMENTS

- Students are required to take 3 of the 4 courses and must take Econ 262D (Development Economics).
- Course work: Students must pass all 3 courses in the development sequence with a grade of a B or better.
- Second year paper: Every student must write a paper by the end of the second year and receive a passing grade. The topic should be related to economic development. The paper idea must be approved by one of the faculty members associated with the development field.
- Proseminar presentation: Each student must present the second-year paper in a UCLA proseminar. Students may choose the proseminar that most closely fits their research area but should notify development faculty of the presentation ahead of time so they can attend.
- Seminar/Proseminar: Students should regularly attend the proseminar closest to their research interests and are expected to attend development mini-conferences and seminars related to development topics.

### ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

- Students are encouraged to combine a field in development economics with a second field such as macroeconomics, applied economics (labor or public), or IO.
- When appropriate a student can submit a development field paper that is also being used as a field paper for another field as long as the field paper has a clear potential as a development paper. The student must get permission from their main paper advisor.
- The paper advisor may be a member of the development faculty (list below) or could be a faculty member outside of development (with their consent) if the paper crosses multiple fields.

Here is a rough timeline of what you are expected to do regarding your Development field paper:

- Students should identify an advisor to begin discussing paper ideas in January. They must receive approval of their paper idea from a member of the development faculty by the end of January.
- Students should meet with advisor and relevant faculty (e.g., prospective committee members) regularly.
- Present progress on paper in a proseminar in the Spring. Students should be sure to invite their main advisors/prospective committee members, particularly if it is a proseminar they do not regularly attend. All development faculty should be notified of the presentation.

- Submit the field paper by July 31, 2024 to Chiara Paz ([chiara@econ.ucla.edu](mailto:chiara@econ.ucla.edu))

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