

Fall 2108
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This course surveys selected topics in the extensive literature on political and economic development. We will focus on differences in formal and informal institutions across countries. Topics will include the determinants of economic growth, the modernization hypothesis, distributional conflict, government corruption, the success and failure of states to deliver of public goods, among others.

This course is also designed to prepare students to design and implement research projects that rigorously identify causal relationships. The material will examine some of the most common solutions to problems of causal inference in social science, and how they can be (re) 0.2 S . to p nfg rprob gatp tf cyphosisdthr ang

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