

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 1992
 COURSE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 2010
 COURSE TO BE REVIEWED: March 2014
(four years after UPAC approval) (month, year)

OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE INFORMATION

Students are advised to keep course outlines in personal files for future use.
 Shaded headings are subject to change at the discretion of the department – see course syllabus available from instructor

<u>ECON 352</u>	<u>Economics</u>	<u>3</u>
COURSE NAME/NUMBER	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	UFV CREDITS
Technological Progress and Economic Growth		
COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE		

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This course equips students with a theoretical foundation for studying economic growth and technological progress. Topics covered include sources of economic growth, the impact of technological advances on growth and economic systems, the social-economic factors that influence innovation and diffusion of technology, and public policy issues on technological progress and economic growth.

PREREQUISITES: 45 university-level credits, including one of ECON 100, ECON 101, or any lower-level Political Science or LAS course.
Note: As of September 2011, prerequisites will change to the following: 45 university-level credits, including ECON 100 and ECON 101.

COREQUISITES:
 PRE or COREQUISITES:

SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S):

- (a) Replaces: _____
- (b) Cross-listed with: _____
- (c) Cannot take: _____ for further credit.

SERVICE COURSE TO: *(department/program)*

TOTAL HOURS PER TERM: 45

STRUCTURE OF HOURS:

Lectures: 45 Hrs
 Seminar: _____ Hrs
 Laboratory: _____ Hrs
 Field experience: _____ Hrs
 Student directed learning: _____ Hrs
 Other (specify): _____ Hrs

TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION:

Length of course: _____
 Hours per day: _____

OTHER:

Maximum enrolment: 28
 Expected frequency of course offerings: Annually
(every semester, annually, every other year, etc.)

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only) Yes No
 WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department) Yes No
 TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE: Yes No

Course designer(s): <u>Ding Lu</u>	Date approved: <u>September 2009</u>
Department Head: <u>Vladimir Dvoracek</u>	Date of meeting: <u>September 25, 2009</u>
Supporting area consultation (Pre-UPAC)	Date approved: <u>March 12, 2010</u>
Curriculum Committee chair: <u>John Carroll</u>	Date approved: <u>March 12, 2010</u>
Dean/Associate VP: <u>Jacqueline Nolte / Eric Davis</u>	Date of meeting: <u>March 26, 2010</u>
Undergraduate Program Advisory Committee (UPAC) approval	

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Outline the sources of economic growth;
- Describe the role of technological progress in economic growth and in the evolution of economic institutions;
- Detail economic factors that influence technological progress;
- Discuss major public policy issues pertaining to technological progress and economic growth;
- Interpret the rationale of business strategies related to technical innovation.

METHODS: *(Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)*

Presentations, lectures, class project and discussion.

METHODS OF OBTAINING PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):

Examination(s) Portfolio assessment Interview(s)

Other (specify):

PLAR cannot be awarded for this course for the following reason(s):

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:

[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]

David N. Weil. *Economic Growth*. 2/e, 2005, Pearson.

G.M. Peter Swann, *The Economics of Innovation: An Introduction*. 2009. Edward Elagar.

SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:

STUDENT EVALUATION:

[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]

Quizzes and midterms	20%
Final exam	30%
Presentations	20%
Assignments and paper	20%
Participation	10%

COURSE CONTENT:

[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]

Economic Growth and Human Civilization
Sources of Economic Growth
Capital Accumulation
Population and Labor Force
Human Capital Improvement
Productivity Growth
Technological Progress and Innovation
Role and Impact of Technological Progress
Creation and Diffusion of Technologies
Innovation in Response to Incentives
Innovation, Market Structure and Public Policies
Business Strategies of Innovation
Sustainable Growth and Environment