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This syllabus is a work in progress. The authoritative version may always be found at <http://are.berkeley.edu/~ligon/>.

1 Texts

There will be no official textbook for the course. However, you may find that the material in Pranab Bardhan and Christopher Udry. *Development Microeconomics*. Oxford University Press, 1999, Debraj Ray. *Development Economics*. Princeton University Press, 1998, or Angus Deaton. *The Analysis of Household Surveys*. The John Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, 1997 provides useful background. Readings relevant to particular topics will be suggested as we go along.

2 Grading

There will be three problem sets in all. We'll have a late midterm (early final), but no final exam (midterm). Separate letter grades will be assigned for the problem sets (collectively) and the midterm exam.

In addition I'll ask you to give a class presentation on a topic of particular interest to you. More on this later.

A weighted average of grades will determine the course grade; the weight assigned problem sets will be 1/3, the weight assigned the midterm will be 1/3, and the weight assigned the presentation will be 1/3.