

Georg-August-Universität Göttingen	6 C 3 WLH
Module M.WIWI-VWL.0018: Economic Development of Africa	
Learning outcome, core skills: By end of this course the students will be familiar with both theoretical and empirical concepts in development economics as they apply to economic development of Sub-Saharan Africa. They will understand the historical and current-day economic development issues in Africa, including policy initiatives to tackle economic development in the continent.	Workload: Attendance time: 42 h Self-study time: 138 h
Courses: 1. Economic Development of Africa (Lecture) <i>Contents:</i> The lecture will consider development issues in Sub Saharan Africa. In particular, the course will seek to explore the factors accounting for Africa's high poverty, its poor growth performance until the 1990s, and recent improvements in economic development. The course will examine these issues historically, beginning with the slave trade, colonization and decolonization up to the present-day experiences with structural adjustment programs, debt relief, and recent resource booms. In addition, it will also examine issues of demography, ethnicity, gender, institutions, poorly functioning markets, and health problems that affect Sub-Saharan African economic development. 2. Economic Development of Africa (Tutorial) <i>Contents:</i> The tutorial will deepen the understanding of theoretical and empirical concepts developed in the lecture.	2 WLH 1 WLH
Examination: Term Paper (max. 10 pages)	3 C
Examination: Written examination (90 minutes)	3 C
Examination requirements: In the term paper, students demonstrate their ability to develop a coherent argument on a particular issue in African economic development. In the exam, students demonstrate their ability to apply their knowledge of development economics theory and empirical assessments to interpret and explain key issues affecting African economic development.	
Admission requirements: none	Recommended previous knowledge: Knowledge of macroeconomics and econometrics at BA level is highly desirable. Knowledge of development economics (at least at BA level, but preferably at MA level) also recommended (e.g. taking Development Economics I or II concurrently)
Language: English	Person responsible for module: Prof. Stephan Klasen
Course frequency:	Duration:

every 4. semester	1 semester[s]
Number of repeat examinations permitted: twice	Recommended semester: 2 - 3
Maximum number of students: 25	