

ECON 162. Health Economics (3)

Prerequisite: ECON 40. Economic issues associated with the provision of health care in the U.S. Role of competitive market forces, non-profits, and government. Separate consideration of physicians, hospitals, insurance, and drug companies. Comparison to other countries. **S even**

ECON 165. The Modern American Economy (3)

No prerequisites. Not open to economics majors. Provides an overview of the major economic forces that shape our everyday experiences by introducing fundamental economic principles and applying them to the American economy. Audio-visual materials and computer simulations are presented. **FS**

ECON 167. Contemporary Socioeconomic Challenges (3)

Prerequisites: G.E. Foundation and Breadth Area D. In-depth analysis and discussion of major socio-economic challenges currently facing the U.S. Emphasis on understanding basic economic underpinnings of contemporary policy issues. Analysis of conflicting economic, social, political, and historical forces which condition and constrain policy implementation. G.E. Integration ID. **S even**

ECON 174. Government Regulation of Economic Activity (3)

Prerequisites: ECON 40, 50. Justification for regulation, constitutional limitations, public utility regulation, regulation of monopoly; competitive practices; government policy in other areas of economic activity.

ECON 176. Economics Themes in Film (3)

Prerequisites: G.E. Foundation and Breadth Area D. Emphasizes economic concepts, issues, and institutions through an integrated series of classic films, lectures, and discussions. Students will apply the economic way of thinking to social problems involving such topics as economic growth, unemployment, income distribution, discrimination, and the global economy. G.E. Integration ID. (2 lecture, 2 lab hours) **F**

ECON 178. International Economics (3)

Prerequisites: ECON 40, 50. International economic relations; problems and policies in the light of fundamental economic theory. **F**

ECON 179. International Political Economy (3)

Analysis of greater internationalization of national economies. Policies of states and transnational corporations in the context of globalization. Trade, finance, and production in the international context. Regional economic integration. Global assembly and labor issues. Evolution of multilateral institutions. (3 lecture/recitation hours) **S even**

ECON 181. Political Economy of Latin America (3)

Prerequisites: G.E. Foundation and Breadth Area D. Latin America's principal economic problems examined within a historical and contemporary context. Topics may include Colonialism, Neo-Colonialism, foreign corporations, debt crises, problems of industrialization, women and labor, agricultural backwardness, and free trade agreements. Intensive examination of major nations (particularly Mexico) and of dominant theoretical interpretations. Theories of development (structuralism, dependency, dualism, modernization) are integrated into case studies. G.E. Multicultural/International MI. **S even**

ECON 183. Political Economy of the Middle East (3)

Prerequisites: G.E. Foundation and Breadth Area D. A survey of historical, social, cultural, political, and economic development, economic development in the Middle East. An examination of Western colonial policies, the creation of modern states and their political and economic policies, the role of religion, and cultural heritage. G.E. Integration ID. **S**

ECON 185. Directed Readings (1-3; max total 6)

Prerequisites: ECON 40, 50, and permission of instructor. Directed readings in the literature of economics. Intensive reading of economic literature on special topics under faculty supervision. **FS**

ECON 188T. Special Topics (1-3; max total 6)

Prerequisites: ECON 40, 50. Consideration of in-depth, special topics in political economy; systematic, detailed study into issues not possible in survey courses. Topics vary with the needs and interest of students and faculty.

ECON 189T. Topics in Public Policy (1-3; max total 6)

Prerequisites: ECON 40, 50. Detailed analysis of questions of economic policy. Areas of investigation include social welfare policy, farm policy, environmental quality policy, and others. Topics to be varied with the interests and needs of students and faculty.

ECON 190. Independent Study (1-3; max total 6)

See *Academic Placement — Independent Study*. Approved for *RP* grading. **FS**

ECON 191. Internship in Applied Economics (1-3; max total 3)

Prerequisite: senior standing, economics major. Supervised experience in either the private or public sector to provide students an opportunity to professionally apply economic theory and analysis. *CR/NC* grading only. **FS**

IN-SERVICE COURSE

(See *Catalog Numbering System*.)

Economics (ECON)**ECON 365T. Economics for Teachers (1-6; max total 12)**