

Economics

ECON 100A. Intermediate

Microeconomics (3)

Prerequisites: ECON 40, 50. Price mechanism and resource allocation under conditions of pure competition, monopolistic competition, oligopoly; theories of consumer's choice, cost, production, income distribution; nature of economic generalizations. S

ECON 100B. Intermediate

Macroeconomics (3)

Prerequisites: ECON 40, 50. An examination of classical, Keynesian and post-Keynesian theories of the determination of the levels of income, output, and employment; the scientific and ideological implications of Keynesian thought; and the theoretical foundations of contemporary monetary and fiscal policies. F

ECON 101. History of Economic Thought (3)

Prerequisite: ECON 40 or 50 or 165. Evolution of economics as a science; doctrines of different schools of thought — Mercantilists, Physiocrats, Historical School, Classical Economists; contributions of outstanding economists. F

ECON 102W. Explorations in Economic Literature (3)

Prerequisites: ECON 40, 50; satisfactory completion (or better) of the ENGL 5B or 10 graduation requirement; upper-division standing. An investigation into important economic ideas and issues through selected readings of either contemporary literature or classics in the history of economic thought or both. The class is conducted as a seminar with emphasis on student contributions. Meets the upper-division writing skills requirement for graduation. S

ECON 110. Economic History of the United States (3)

Prerequisites: ECON 40 or 50 or 165. Exploration and colonization to the present; economic factors in development of the United States; relationships of economic forces to historical, political, and social change. S

ECON 111. European Economic History (3)

Prerequisites: ECON 40, 50, or 165 or permission of instructor. An examination of the causes and consequences of economic development in Europe from 1650 to 1950. Survey of selected economic forces that shaped key social institutions. S

ECON 114. Economic Development of Poor Nations (3)

Prerequisites: ECON 25 or 40 or 50. Intensive study of the causes and consequences of underdevelopment that affects two-thirds of the world's people. Topics include theories of development, historical roots of underdevelopment, evaluation of aid programs, New International Economic Order, Asian export economies, managing external debt. S

ECON 115T. Topics in U.S. Economic History (1-3; max total 6)

Detailed investigation of developments in the United States economy. Topics vary with the needs and interests of students and faculty.

ECON 117. Environmental Economics (3)

Prerequisite: ECON 40. Investigation into the economics of resource use. Development and creation of resources through the application of technology and the destruction of resources through misuse and pollution of the environment. F even

ECON 119. Applied Regional Economics (3)

Examination of San Joaquin Valley economy from a policy-oriented perspective. Application of regional economic models to the local economy. Empirical analysis of issues including immigration, unemployment, and local economic development. F even

ECON 120. Women in the Economy (3)

Prerequisites: ECON 40 or 50 or 165. Explores the social and economic forces shaping the economic status of women in the U.S. Topics include women's participation in paid employment and current labor market and family policy issues.

ECON 123. Introduction to Econometrics (3)

Prerequisites: ECON 40, 50; MATH 11 or permission of instructor. Statistical data analysis in economics. Use of multiple regression analysis, time series analysis, index numbers. Basic theory; computer applications using major economic data sources; interpretation of results. (2 lecture, 2 lab hours) S

ECON 125. Introduction to Mathematical Economics (3)

Prerequisites: ECON 40, 50; MATH 75. Introduction to uses of mathematics (primarily calculus and matrix algebra) in theoretical economic analysis. Knowledge of basic economics assumed; math is taught. Strongly recommended for students considering graduate work in economics or business.

ECON 131. Public Economics (3)

Prerequisite: ECON 40. Impact of government expenditures and taxes on the allocation of resources and the distribution of income. Evaluation of government expenditure programs and tax policies. Analysis of existing government policies and proposed reforms. F even

ECON 135. Money and Banking (3)

Prerequisites: ECON 40, 50. Survey of the monetary and banking system of the United States and analysis of its role in economic growth and stabilization. S

ECON 140. The Political Economy of the Military-Industrial Complex (3)

Prerequisite: ECON 50. Economic effects of military expenditures in historical perspective. Economic effects of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. The Military-Industrial Complex, war profiteering, and the economic effects of disarmament. S

ECON 144. Economics of Sports (3)

Prerequisites: ECON 40 or 50 or 165. Analyzes issues surrounding the monopolistic nature of professional leagues, tax incentives used to attract/maintain a professional franchise, and collective bargaining agreements through industrial-organization, public finance, and labor economics respectively.

ECON 146. Economics of Crime (3)

Prerequisites: G.E. Foundation and Breadth Area D. Economic theory of choice and rationality applied to analysis of crime, focusing on white-collar and corporate crime. Examines costs and benefits of crime control policies. Economics of participation in crime, law enforcement, prosecution, and punishment. G.E. Integration ID. F

ECON 150. Labor Economics (3)

Prerequisite: ECON 40 or 50 or 165. Alternative theories of wages, employment, and structure of labor market; impact of collective bargaining on level of wages, employment, and labor's share of national income; history and philosophies of labor movement; structure and functioning of labor unions. F even

ECON 152. Economics of Human Resources (3)

Prerequisite: ECON 40 or 50 or 165. Economic theory of investments in education and job training; economic theories of discrimination; analysis of earnings differentials for women and ethnic minorities. Issues discussed include educational choices, affirmative action, comparable worth, and human resource planning policies. S odd