Economics (ECO)

Courses

ECO 001 Principles of Economics 0.4 Credits
A one-semester course in the principles of economics. General topics covered are: supply and demand; pricing and production decisions of firms; the role of government in the economy; the determination of national income; money and banking; monetary and fiscal policy; and government finance.

Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 029 Money, Banking, and Financial Markets 3 Credits
The nature and functions of money. Global money and financial markets. The role of commercial and central banks. Effects of the interest rate, exchange rate, and the money supply on the economy. Examination and evaluation of current and past monetary policies.

Prerequisites: ECO 001

Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 045 Statistical Methods 3 Credits
Descriptive statistics, probability and probability distributions, sampling, estimation, hypothesis testing, chi-square tests, simple regression and correlation. Note: College of Business students may not take MATH 012 as a replacement for ECO 045.

ECO 119 Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis 3 Credits
Macroeconomic measurement, theory and policy. The use of alternative macroeconomic models to analyze the level of national income, inflation, unemployment, economic growth; the balance of payments, and exchange rate determination.

Prerequisites: (ECO 001) and (MATH 021 or MATH 031 or MATH 051 or MATH 081 or MATH 076)

Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 146 Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis 3 Credits
The application of economic analysis to managerial and public policy decision-making. Not available for credit to students who have taken ECO 105.

Prerequisites: (ECO 001) and (MATH 021 or MATH 031 or MATH 051 or MATH 081 or MATH 076)

Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 157 Statistical Methods II 3 Credits
The course is a continuation of Economics 045 that gives broader coverage of linear regression and the construction of empirical models. Topics include the analysis of variance, simple and multiple regression, time series analysis, and forecasting.

Prerequisites: MATH 012 or MATH 231 or ECO 045

ECO 173 Economics Internship 1-3 Credits
Based on a student's work experience, a sponsoring faculty member shall direct readings, projects, and other assignments—including a "capstone report." It should be noted that the work experience (at least 80 hours), by itself, is not the basis for academic credit. Course registration and related arrangements must be made in advance of the work engagement. This course must be taken Pass/Fail, cannot be used to satisfy economics major requirements. Declaration of an economics major and consent of department required.

Prerequisites: ECO 001

ECO 201 Federal Reserve Challenge Competition 1-3 Credits
To prepare for the Federal Reserve Challenge Competition. Course may be repeated for credit. Credits are assigned based on role - 1 credit for 1st time researchers, 2 credits for 2nd time researchers, and 3 credits for speakers. Up to three credits of the course can be counted toward the economics major, but the course cannot count toward the economics minor. Department permission is required for enrollment.

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

Prerequisites: ECO 119

Can be taken Concurrently: ECO 119

Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 203 Microfinance: Financial Inclusion for the Poor 3 Credits
Non-technical survey of the global microfinance industry, which provides financial services to the poor on a large scale, mostly in developing nations. Historical origins and industry evolution. Nature and developmental role of microenterprises and informal finance. Methods and technologies used by microfinance institutions (MFIs). Case studies of leading MFIs and the lives of their clients. Policy and regulatory environments. Debates over profiting from the poor, and over health and environmental goals. Conflicting evidence on economic and social impact. Meetings with practitioners.

Prerequisites: ECO 001

Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 209 Comparative Economic Systems 3 Credits
An analysis of the microeconomic and macroeconomic, institutional, and political dimensions of various economic systems, with particular emphasis on centrally planned economies in their transition to a market orientation.

Prerequisites: ECO 001

Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 211 Introduction to Environmental Economics 3 Credits
An examination of the interactions between our economic systems and the environment. Pollution as a consequence of human activity within a framework for analyzing the relationships between environmental quality, scarcity of resources and economic growth. How to develop appropriate policies to deal with these issues.

Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 229 Economics of Money and Banking 3 Credits
This course studies the economics of money, banking, interest rates, and monetary policy as they apply to the U.S. and other economies. This course has two main objectives. One is to study the main aspects of banks through their role in financial intermediation and the effects on monetary policy. The second objective is to study the role of money, central banking, and the conduct of monetary policy.

Prerequisites: ECO 001 and ECO 119

Can be taken Concurrently: ECO 119

Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 234 The Economics of Gender and Race 3 Credits
In this course, students will explore, through mass media and documentaries, current socioeconomic issues and policies concerning race and gender in the United States and around the globe. Students will employ economic theory at the introductory level and will explore and analyze empirical evidence to complement the theories.

Prerequisites: ECO 001

Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 235 Labor Economics 3 Credits
The economic analysis of labor markets, with emphasis on labor supply and demand, wage and employment theory, and human capital. Further topics include the economics of discrimination, anti-poverty policies, and immigration.

Prerequisites: ECO 001

Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 247 Sabermetrics 3 Credits
The class will discuss the development and theory of quantitative analysis in baseball. Students will be introduced to modern sabermetric theory and introduced to various data sets, publications, database skills, and research methods commonly used in the sabermetric industry. Topics will include hitting, pitching, and defensive analysis, player valuation and the free agent market, in-game strategy, and the amateur draft.

Prerequisites: ECO 001 and (ECO 045 or PSYC 110 or ISE 111 or CEE 012 or MATH 231 or MATH 012)
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ECO 336 Antitrust, Regulation, and the New Economy 3 Credits
Analyzes government responses to market power by examining antitrust policy and the regulation of natural monopoly. Focus in antitrust is on price-fixing, mergers, and dominant firms, and includes an introduction to the economics of platforms that highlights the new challenges they present. Analysis of regulation is focused on the problem of setting prices for a natural monopoly, on theories of regulation, and on the difficulties of deregulating.
Prerequisites: ECO 146
Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 338 International Economics 3 Credits
In trade (applied micro) graphical and mathematical analysis will be used to understand: why countries trade and the income-distributional effects; the gains from trade; the effects of government policies; and the reasons underlying the formation of trading blocs (e.g., TPP). In finance (applied macro) we will: examine the balance-of-payments accounts; develop international financial linkages (e.g., uncovered interest parity) and several exchange-rate models (e.g., the law of one price); and use models to understand macro policy-making in an open economy.
Prerequisites: (ECO 029 or ECO 119 or ECO 229) and ECO 146
Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 339 International Trade 3 Credits
The theory of international trade; the theory of tariffs; United States commercial policies; the impact of growth and development of the world economy.
Prerequisites: ECO 146
Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 340 International Finance 3 Credits
The monetary side of an open economy and the financial transactions that accompany trade in goods and services. Macroeconomic links among participants in the global economy; currency and financial crises illustrate how difficult it is for countries to remain insulated from external shocks. Topics include: balance-of-payments accounting; exchange-rate models; and macroeconomic policies under different exchange-rate regimes and capital-mobility assumptions.
Prerequisites: ECO 119
Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 342 Economic Development in China 3 Credits
An examination of the economic, political and social forces at work in the development process in China since 1949. Special emphasis on post-1978 market reforms, the rural-urban divergence, the role of foreign trade and investment, the accumulation of human capital, and the deterioration of the physical environment. Concludes with a detailed discussion of possible futures of the Chinese economy.
Prerequisites: ECO 303 or ECO 304
Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 345 Political Economy of Iraq 3 Credits
An examination of the economic, political and social forces at work in Iraq with emphasis on the post-2002 period. Major topics include recent history and culture, petroleum production and transport, corruption, agricultural transition, rural-urban divergence, unemployment, poverty, the economic and political role of the state owned enterprises, entrepreneurship and the informal economy, banking, and monetary, exchange rate, and fiscal policies.
Prerequisites: ECO 303 or ECO 304 or IR 225
Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 352 Behavioral Economics 3 Credits
The study of human behavior in economic contexts incorporating ideas from Psychology and other disciplines. Covers both theory and applications. Topics include non-standard preferences (e.g., loss-aversion), decisions under risk, intertemporal choices, heuristics and biases, and more.
Prerequisites: ECO 146 and (ECO 157 or ECO 357)
Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 353 Public Economics 3 Credits
A course on the economic analysis of government. Major topics include the theory of public goods, the economics of taxation, the design of tax structures, externalities, and social insurance.
Prerequisites: ECO 146
Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 357 Econometrics 3 Credits
Problems in construction, evaluation and use of econometric models. Applications based on research and case studies.
Prerequisites: (ECO 119 or ECO 146) and (ECO 245 or ECO 157)
Attribute/Distribution: ND

ECO 358 Game Theory 3 Credits
This course introduces students to a set of tools that economists, among others, use to analyze strategic interactions among individuals, firms, nations, etc. The coverage of theories begins with single-person decision-making and extends to games (multi-person interactive decision-making) under various strategic and informational environments. Theories will be supplemented with a variety of applications, which include competitive pricing in oligopolistic markets, tragedy of the commons, bidding behavior in auctions, bargaining, voting and electoral competition, and strategic use and transmission of information.
Prerequisites: ECO 146 and (MATH 021 or MATH 031 or MATH 051 or MATH 081)
Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 360 Time Series Analysis 3 Credits
This course provides an introduction to time series analysis as it is applied in macroeconomics and finance. The class will emphasize hands-on implementation of macroeconomic and time series models for macroeconomic, financial, and policy analysis. Topics include macroeconomic data, linear and nonlinear univariate time series models, practical issues with likelihood-based inference in time series models, forecasting, multivariate models, and structural identification in multivariate models.
Prerequisites: ECO 245 or ECO 157

ECO 362 Martindale Research Seminar 1-3 Credits
This course prepares students to undertake research on various topics in business and/or economics. Admission to this course is limited to student associates of the Martindale Center for the Study of Private Enterprise. Consent of the instructor is required. This course does not count towards an Economics Minor. For this course to be counted toward the Economics Major, department permission is required.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Attribute/Distribution: ND

ECO 363 Labor Economics 3 Credits
The economic analysis of labor markets, with emphasis on labor supply and demand, wage and employment theory, and human capital. Further topics include the economics of discrimination, anti-poverty policies, and immigration. Students cannot receive credit for both ECO 235 and ECO 363.
Prerequisites: ECO 146
Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 365 Business, Government, and Macroeconomic Policy 3 Credits
The course explores topics in applied macroeconomics, with emphasis on analyzing macroeconomic policy. Topics may include business cycles, fiscal and monetary policies, economic growth, consumption and saving decisions, exchange rate determination, and applicable empirical methods.
Prerequisites: ECO 029 or ECO 229 or ECO 119
Attribute/Distribution: SS
ECO 366 Quantitative Market Analysis 3 Credits
The course covers the application of empirical approaches to theoretical frameworks in the analysis of market structure, firm strategies, and consumer behavior. Students learn econometric methods to identify causal relationships, and the course emphasizes the role of theoretical models in developing hypotheses and interpreting data. The course covers methods of field experiments and causal inference using non-experimental data. Topics include pricing and market conduct, demand analysis, marketing, and online marketplaces. Basic knowledge of microeconomic theory and econometrics is required.
Prerequisites: ECO 146 and (ECO 245 or ECO 357 or ECO 157)

ECO 367 Applied Microeconometrics 3 Credits
An empirical class with concentration in Applied Microeconometrics. Its goal is to give you knowledge (various econometrics methods) and a tool (Stata) to solve real-life problems.
Prerequisites: ECO 245 or ECO 357 or ECO 157

ECO 368 Health Economics 3 Credits
Supply and demand in the U.S. health service market. Unique features of health care which interfere with competitive market allocation and pricing. Overview of insurance systems and other payment methods.
Prerequisites: (ECO 045 or MATH 012 or MATH 231) and ECO 146
Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 371 Special Topics in Economics 1-3 Credits
Study in various fields of economics, designed for the student who has a special interest in a subject not included in the regular course schedule or for the student interested in pursuing a significant supervised research project in economics. Students interested in enrolling in this course must submit a written proposal to a member of the faculty with expertise in the proposed subject area and to the department chair prior to the registration period for the relevant semester.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Prerequisites: ECO 146 or ECO 119
Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 389 Honors Project 1-6 Credits
Independent research under faculty supervision, culminating in a thesis presented for departmental honors.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

ECO 402 Managerial Economics 3 Credits
Prerequisites: MATH 021 and (MATH 022 or MATH 096) and ECO 401

ECO 403 Econometric Software 3 Credits
The fundamentals of data management and analysis using statistical software, such as Stata and/or SAS. Students will develop data management and programming skills using the Stata or SAS system. An introduction to R and basic programming in R will be included as well. Working with big data will provide hands-on, practical experience. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to manage data to boost their research and analysis skills.

ECO 404 Applied Microeconometrics 3 Credits
The purpose of this course is to expose students to econometric techniques frequently used in applied microeconomic research. The course features critical reading of empirical research papers and the implementation of econometric methods on actual data sets.

ECO 409 Money, Banking and Macroeconomic Analysis 2 Credits
The role of financial intermediation in the U.S. economy, the process of money creation, impacts of fiscal and/or monetary policy on the goals of macroeconomic policy, inflation and unemployment.

ECO 412 Mathematical Economics 3 Credits
Applications of various mathematical techniques in the formation and development of economic concepts and theories. Consent of instructor required.

ECO 413 Advanced Microeconomics Analysis 3 Credits
A survey of methods of decision-making at the microeconomic level; price theory and econometric applications.

ECO 414 Advanced Topics in Microeconomics 3 Credits
Resource allocation and price determination. Theories of choice of consumers, firms, and resource owners under various market forms.
Prerequisites: ECO 413

ECO 415 Econometrics I 3 Credits

ECO 416 Econometrics II 3 Credits
Mathematical and statistical specification of economic models. Statistical estimation and tests of parameters in single and multiple equation models. Prediction and tests of structural change.
Prerequisites: ECO 415

ECO 417 Advanced Macroeconomic Analysis 3 Credits
This course aims to familiarize students with the current research in modern empirical macroeconomics, with emphasis on the intersection of theoretical models and macroeconomic policy analysis.

ECO 418 Advanced Topics in Macroeconomics 3 Credits
Prerequisites: ECO 417

ECO 425 Cost-Benefit Analysis 3 Credits
Theory and methods of cost-benefit analysis; efficiency and equity as criteria in program evaluation; rationale(s) for government intervention in free market economies; proper measurement of market and non-market costs and benefits; consideration of risk, uncertainty, appropriate discounting techniques and distributional consequences.
Prerequisites: ECO 402 and ECO 415

ECO 427 Statistical Analysis for Management 2 Credits
Descriptive statistical measures, probability and probability distributions, statistical inference (estimation and hypothesis testing), correlation and regression. EXCEL will be used for statistical computing.

ECO 428 (ECE 428) Electricity Economics 3 Credits
Course focuses on the intersection between economics & electricity systems, and market structures available in the electric energy industry. Background provided on basic economic theory applied to power systems to understand operations objectives, pricing & incentives, as well as non-perfect competition situations that arise in the network. Different dispatch optimization problems used in electricity market restructuring, approaches to solving these, and the existence of non-convex markets will be discussed. Credit will not be given for both ECO/ECE328 and ECO/ECE428.

ECO 430 Public Finance 3 Credits
The economics of public spending and taxation; principles of government debt management; theories of budgeting and cost-benefit analysis and public choice.

ECO 431 Quantitative Market Analysis 3 Credits
The course covers the application of empirical approaches to theoretical frameworks in the analysis of market structure, firm strategies, and consumer behavior. Students learn econometric methods to identify causal relationships, and the course emphasizes the role of theoretical models in developing hypotheses and interpreting data. The course covers methods of field experiments and causal inference using non-experimental data. Topics include pricing and market conduct, demand analysis, marketing, and online marketplaces. Students cannot receive credit for both ECO 366 and ECO431.
ECO 440 Labor Economics I 3 Credits
The economics of labor markets and various labor-market institutions with emphasis on current theoretical and empirical research. Topics include labor supply and demand, human capital, the structure of labor markets, labor market regulation, information and job search, labor mobility, unionism, and labor market discrimination.
Prerequisites: ECO 401 and ECO 402

ECO 441 Labor Economics II 3 Credits
An examination of empirical research in labor economics, focusing on topics such as human resource management and internal labor market outcomes, wage and income inequality, and poverty, unemployment, and other issues current in the literature.
Prerequisites: ECO 415

ECO 447 Economic Analysis of Market Competition 3 Credits
Mathematical models based on game theory and industrial organization. Cases are used to analyze the strategic interaction of firms and governments as competitors and partners.
Prerequisites: ECO 402

ECO 448 Business Economics 3 Credits
Applications of economic analysis to business decision-making; technology in economic systems; resource allocation and pricing strategies in various market structures; decisions under risk and uncertainty; and government regulation and support of business and innovation.

ECO 452 Behavioral Economics 3 Credits
The study of human behavior in economic contexts incorporating ideas from Psychology and other disciplines. Covers both theory and applications. Topics include non-standard preferences (e.g., loss-aversion), decisions under risk, intertemporal choices, heuristics and biases, and more.

ECO 455 Health Economics I 3 Credits
Economic theory and empirical analysis of health production, the demand for health services, and health insurance. Implications for the current institutional structure of health care and health delivery systems will also be discussed. Additional topics and extensions will be selected based on developments in the literature.
Prerequisites: ECO 416

ECO 456 Industrial Organization 3 Credits
The goal of the course is to review theoretical and empirical attempts by economists to understand market structures lying between the extremes of perfect competition and monopoly. The course will focus first on describing the current U.S. industrial structure and reviewing models of imperfect competition. The course then shifts to a closer study of individual firm behavior. The final segment of the course is an overview of two significant relationships between government and industry caused by the existence of imperfect.
Prerequisites: ECO 415 and ECO 447

ECO 460 Time Series Analysis 3 Credits
Classical decomposition of time series, trend analysis, exponential smoothing, spectral analysis and Box-Jenkins autoregressive and moving average methods.

ECO 463 Topics in Game Theory 3 Credits
A mathematical analysis of how people interact in strategic situations. Topics include normal-form and extensive-form representations of games, various types of equilibrium requirements, the existence and characterization of equilibria, and mechanism design. The analysis is applied to micro-economic problems including industrial organization, inter-national trade, and finance.

ECO 464 Applied Econometrics I 3 Credits
This course focuses on the identification of causal relationships using cross-sectional and panel data. The objectives are to 1) familiarize students with identification assumptions for causal inference; and 2) enable students to select appropriate econometric tools for empirical economic problems and policy evaluation. Topics include robust inference and bootstrap; instrumental variables and generalized method of moments (GMM); quantile and nonparametric regression methods; treatment effect analysis, and models for discrete choices, panel data, and social interactions.
Prerequisites: ECO 416

ECO 465 Applied Econometrics II 3 Credits
Econometric analysis of skewed and truncated distributions, discrete outcomes, and missing or incomplete data. The first part of this course will involve the functional specification and testing of appropriate estimators in these situations, while the second part of the course will focus on conducting causal inference using nonlinear models in the presence of unobserved heterogeneity. Emphasis will be given to common applications in health and labor economics.
Prerequisites: ECO 416

ECO 466 Health Economics II 3 Credits
Selected topics in the literature on health economics with an emphasis on the application and evaluation of econometric techniques and identification strategies. Both demand and supply side issues will be addressed. Examples of the former include the demand for health, health insurance and health care services, while examples of the latter include the regulation of supplier behavior and industrial organization issues.
Prerequisites: ECO 416

ECO 490 Master’s Thesis 1-6 Credits
Master’s Thesis.

ECO 492 Special Topics in Economics 1-3 Credits
Extended study of an approved topic not covered in scheduled courses.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

ECO 493 Doctoral Pre-Dissertation Research Project - Independent Study 1-9 Credits
Independent study on a topic that is being pursued to fulfill the third year paper requirement, and has been approved by the student’s interim advisor.

ECO 499 Dissertation 1-15 Credits
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.