Economics Courses (ECON)

Courses

Application and interpretation of probability and statistics as applied to business problems. Descriptive statistics, hypothesis testing, linear regression, and correlation. May not be used for credit on the Economics major or minor or the Social Science major or minor. Prerequisite(s): STAT 1772 (800:072) or equivalent. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

ECON 1021 (920:020). Decision Analytics — 3 hrs.
Quantitative and qualitative aspects of problem solving and decision making. Structuring and basics of decision making, applications of probability, functional relationships, marginal analysis, and linear programming. Emphasis on model formulation and interpretation of results. May not be used for credit on the Economics major or minor or the Social Science major or minor. Prerequisite(s): STAT 1772 (800:072) or equivalent. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

ECON 1031 (920:024). Introduction to Economics — 3 hrs.
Overview of economics, including how a market system functions and how national income, output, and employment are determined. Primary focus (though not exclusively) on U.S. economy. No credit for students who have credit or are concurrently enrolled in ECON 1041 (920:053) or ECON 1051 (920:054). May not be used for credit on major or minor. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

Introduction to the economizing problem and economic institutions. National income determination, monetary and fiscal policy, and global economic issues. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

Study of how consumers make decisions, firms maximize profits, and various market structures affect prices and output. Topics include supply and demand, elasticity, consumer and producer welfare, firm production and costs, and market structures. Prerequisite(s): ECON 1041 (920:053). (Fall, Spring, Summer)

In-depth analysis of consumer theory, firm production and costs, and market structures, with a primary focus on how individuals and firms make choices. Prerequisite(s): ECON 1041 (920:053); ECON 1051 (920:054). (Fall and Spring)

Intermediate level macroeconomics. Determinants of aggregate demand, national product and employment; and macroeconomics objectives and policies. Prerequisite(s): ECON 1041 (920:053); ECON 1051 (920:054). (Fall and Spring)

ECON 2132 (920:113). Money and Banking — 3 hrs.
Money, commercial banking, the Federal Reserve System, and monetary policy. Prerequisite(s): ECON 1041 (920:053); ECON 1051 (920:054). (Fall and Spring)

Practical experience in a business, industry, or government agency. May be repeated for maximum of 3 hours. Does not count toward the Economics major. Prerequisite(s): ECON 1041 (920:053); ECON 1051 (920:054); or consent of instructor; junior standing. (Variable)

ECON 3179 (920:179). Cooperative Education in Economics — 1-6 hrs.
Compensated work experience in conjunction with an academic project conducted under faculty guidance. University elective credit is given on a graded basis. Prerequisite(s): ECON 2122 (920:103); ECON 2112 (920:104); cumulative UNI GPA of 3.00 or higher required prior to application; consent of department head. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

ECON 3217/5217 (920:116g). Economics of Labor Markets — 3 hrs.
An investigation into the market forces affecting the supply of and demand for labor and the determination of wages in the U.S. Discussion topics may include income maintenance programs, health and safety in industry, income inequality, human capital formation and/or labor mobility. Prerequisite(s): ECON 1041 (920:053); ECON 1051 (920:054); junior standing. (Variable)

ECON 3221/5221 (920:117g). Public Finance — 3 hrs.
Taxation and government expenditures; fiscal policy. Prerequisite(s): ECON 1041 (920:053); ECON 1051 (920:054); junior standing. (Variable)

ECON 3225/5225 (920:123g). Environmental Economics — 3 hrs.
Achieving allocative efficiency and cost-effectiveness when setting environmental policy. Modeling environmental quality as a public good and pollution as an economic problem. Assessing the command-and-control approach versus the market approach to environmental problem solving and policy. Exploring historical and current policies on air quality, water quality, solid waste/toxic substance management, and/or global environmental management. Prerequisite(s): ECON 1041 (920:053); ECON 1051 (920:054); junior standing. (Variable)

Impact of public projects on resource allocation and social well being. Meaning and interpretation of Net Present Value (NPV). Problems encountered in quantifying various components of NPV and merits of alternative solutions. Prerequisite(s): ECON 1041 (920:053); ECON 1051 (920:054); junior standing. (Variable)

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Uses microeconomic principles with simple game theory and probability/statistical tools to investigate the organization of professional sports leagues, player pay, competitive balance, demand for games, public financing of sports, and other issues. Prerequisite(s): ECON 1041 (920:053); ECON 1051 (920:054); or consent of instructor; junior standing. (Variable)
ECON 3241/5241 (920:135g). The Organization of American Industry — 3 hrs.
Structure, conduct, and performance of firms, industries, and market. Policies to maintain competition. Prerequisite(s): ECON 1041 (920:053); ECON 1051 (920:054); junior standing. (Variable)

International trade theory, trade strategies, economic unions, and factor movements. Prerequisite(s): ECON 1041 (920:053); ECON 1051 (920:054); junior standing. (Variable)

ECON 3249/5249 (920:143g). Economic Development — 3 hrs.
Characteristics of developing nations, causes of underdevelopment, development theories, and development strategies. Prerequisite(s): ECON 1041 (920:053); ECON 1051 (920:054); junior standing. (Variable)

ECON 3253/5253 (920:148g). Urban and Regional Economics — 3 hrs.
Theory of location and regional development; factors influencing growth and location of production, location of households, city location and urban hierarchies, and land use patterns; measures and change in regional economic activity; and public policy issues in regional and urban evolution. Research methods including economic base, employment multiplier, location quotient, and threshold analyses. Prerequisite(s): ECON 1041 (920:053) and ECON 1051 (920:054), or consent of instructor; junior standing. (Variable)

ECON 3257/5257 (920:170g). History of Economic Thought — 3 hrs.
Development of economic theory from early Greeks to John Maynard Keynes. Special emphasis given to Adam Smith, Karl Marx, and Thorstein Veblen. Prerequisite(s): ECON 1041 (920:053); ECON 1051 (920:054); junior standing. (Variable)

International financial theories and analysis of balance of payments, alternative exchange rate regimes, and capital movements. Prerequisite(s): ECON 1041 (920:053); ECON 1051 (920:054); junior standing. (Variable)

ECON 3269/5269 (920:168g). Mathematical Economics — 3 hrs.
Application of mathematics to economics with an emphasis on matrices and introductory calculus. Prerequisite(s): ECON 1041 (920:053) and ECON 1051 (920:054), or consent of instructor; junior standing. (Variable)

ECON 3373/5373 (920:169g). Introduction to Econometrics — 3 hrs.
Econometric techniques and the development of statistical techniques unique to economics; econometric relationships derived in single and multivariate linear and non-linear regression analysis; use of statistical inference in econometric investigation with applications to classical works of economic topics. Prerequisite(s): STAT 1772 (800:072); ECON 1041 (920:053) and ECON 1051 (920:054), or consent of instructor; junior standing. (Fall)

ECON 4380/5380 (920:181g). Directed Research in Economics — 3 hrs.
Students demonstrate their grasp of economic theory and their writing abilities. Prerequisite(s): ECON 1041 (920:053); ECON 1051 (920:054); ECON 2112 (920:104); ECON 2122 (920:103); senior standing; Economics major. (Spring)