ECONOMICS (ECON1-UC)

ECON1-UC 301 Intro to Macroeconomics (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
Macroeconomics is the study of the operation and performance of the entire economy, both nationally and internationally. In this course, the analytical tools and methodology of macroeconomic analysis since the Great Depression are introduced. Key variables of the economy such as gross domestic product (GDP), unemployment, inflation, interest rate, exchange rate, and international trade balance, as well as Monetary and fiscal policies adopted by the government are discussed in detail.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No

ECON1-UC 302 Intro to Microeconomics (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
Microeconomics is the study of decisions and choices made by people who are faced with scarcity of resources. It focuses on the decision making of the individuals, including individual consumer, individual firm and individual industry. In this course, analytical tools and methodology of microeconomic analysis are introduced. Both theory and real world applications are emphasized. Major topics such as the theories of consumers and profit-maximizing firms, perfect and imperfect market competition, and the role of government in maintaining an efficient and competitive market are discussed in detail.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No

ECON1-UC 340 Intermediate Microeconomics (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
This course develops formal models of consumer and producer behavior, and stresses applications of theory to study the behavior of individuals and firms in markets. Strategic interactions among firms are studied using game theoretic models. The course concludes with a thorough study of information economics (agency problems, adverse selection) and decision making under uncertainty.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No
Prerequisites: ECON1-UC 301 AND ECON1-UC 302 AND ECON1-UC 304.

ECON1-UC 341 Intermediate Macroeconomics (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
Study aggregate economic analysis, with particular attention to theories of the determination of the level of income, employment, and price inflation. The theories and policies associated with these topics are critically examined.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No

ECON1-UC 342 International Financial Markets & Trade (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
Study the dynamics and influences affecting international financial conditions, decisions, and change. Students cover the financial management of multinational corporations, exchange rates, rates of inflation, and various national and international financial markets.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No

ECON1-UC 343 Financial Markets & Investments (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
This course covers an analysis of the structure and operation of financial markets and the instruments traded in those markets. Portfolio choice, including efficient diversification and asset allocation, is stressed. Theoretical foundations of asset pricing are developed, and empirical tests of these theories are reviewed.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No
Prerequisites: ECON1-UC 341 AND ECON1-UC 354.

ECON1-UC 344 Business Economics (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
This course develops the tool kit of quantitative skills necessary for upper-level coursework in economics. Concepts introduced include systems of equations, logarithmic and exponential functions, differentiation and optimization techniques, series and limits, and integration. Throughout the course, the application of mathematical concepts in economics is emphasized.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No
ECON1-UC 354 Statistical Methods in Economics (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
This course provides students with a wide spectrum of statistical methods required for economic studies, from descriptive statistics to inferential statistics, from regression method to time series method. In addition, economic indicator indexing, sampling methods, and popular non-parametric methods are also introduced. Application of computer software, such as EXCEL and SAS, along with each of these statistical methods is emphasized to enhance students’ capabilities to do real-world economic analyses.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No
Prerequisites: ECON1-UC 353.

ECON1-UC 356 Transition Economics (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
This course offers students a critical evaluation of the transformation of the economies of the former socialist Eastern Europe countries and the former Soviet Union from a multifaceted approach. Insights about development economics, especially the relationship between government and market outcomes, are discussed. The class analyzes the socialist economic blueprint, market liberalization reforms, and the current economic outlook. Topics of discussion include issues of limited industrial diversification, increasing financialization; healthcare and education reforms; and problems of poverty, inequality, and outward migration. Central are questions of state/private balance in social transformation and overall macroeconomic dynamics.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No

ECON1-UC 360 Law & Economics (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
Economic analysis of legal issues, including contracts, property rights, liability and torts, concepts are applied to a variety of cases.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No

ECON1-UC 361 Government Intervention in The Economy (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
The regulation of firms and industries is explored in this course. The regulatory process and the economic rationales for government regulation are studied, with an emphasis on the efficiency consequences of regulation. Recent trends in privatization and deregulation are examined critically.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No

ECON1-UC 362 Environmental Economics (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
Economic models of natural resource extraction and externalities are introduced and developed. Traditional regulatory responses to correct environment externalities are reviewed, and recent market-based regulations such as tradable permits are discussed in detail. Topics include: common property resources; the role of asymmetric information in formulating environmental policy; contingent valuation and travel cost models of valuing non traded resources; and the economics of species diversity.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No
Prerequisites: ECON1-UC 302 AND ECON1-UC 301.

ECON1-UC 363 Urban Economics (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
In this course student investigate the economic development of cities and urban areas as well as the attendant social problems accompanying urbanization. It addresses the growth of urban areas with a focus on firm location decisions, housing, and land use policies. The causes and consequences of urban problems, such as economic segregation, poverty and crime, are explored through the application of theoretical models to cases.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No
Prerequisites: ECON1-UC 302.

ECON1-UC 364 American Economic History (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
This course provides an economic analysis of American history from colonial settlements to World War II. The course emphasizes the role of technology in fostering growth and development, the central role of financial markets in economic growth, and the use of government policies to support westward expansion, using the development of the American West as a central theme.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No

ECON1-UC 371 Labor Economics (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
This course begins by developing theories of individual labor supply and the demand for labor across firms and industries. Theories of earnings determination are presented to explore the importance of experience, mobility, and human capital in explaining earnings growth. Income assistance programs and training initiatives are examined in detail. Additional topics include the causes and consequences of earnings inequality, theories of discrimination, immigration, and incentive-based compensation.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No

ECON1-UC 372 International Economics (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
This course provides an examination of theories of international trade and the performance of the global financial system that supports trade. Topics include: Ricardian and modern trade theories, balance of payments, economic stabilization through international fiscal and monetary policy, and the determination of exchange rate policy.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No

ECON1-UC 373 Comparative Economics (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
In this course, centrally planned socialist economic systems such as China and Cuba are contrasted with capitalist systems such as the United States, Japan, and Europe. The course also investigates other economic models, including the welfare states of Scandinavia and the mixed economies of developing nations.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No
ECON1-UC 374 Public Policy and Public Finance (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
This course examines the uses of fiscal policy at the federal government level. The economic analysis of market failures, such as externalities, public goods, and missing markets, is developed. It reviews government programs that redistribute income, particularly healthcare and social security. It applies optimal taxation theories to the design of federal tax policy.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No
Prerequisites: ECON1-UC 341 AND ECON1-UC 354.

ECON1-UC 375 Industrialization and Development in China (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
"The emergence of China as a new global economic player is one of the most significant developments of the contemporary world. How do we understand this development trajectory in light of the general history of capitalist industrialization and, more specifically, economic development in the Asia-Pacific region? Is China’s economic rise sustainable? Will China be overwhelmed by its economic, social, and ecological contradictions? What are the implications of the rise of China for the rest of the world and for the global system as a whole? This course discusses the economic interactions between China and the modern world system over the last several decades and evaluates the future trends. No prior background in economics is necessary since you will be introduced to some of the basic debates in economic development. "
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No

ECON1-UC 376 Money & Banking (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
This course covers an examination of the banking system, determination of the money supply, the role of the Federal Reserve in influencing monetary aggregates, and contemporary issues involved in bank management, banking regulation, and the conduct of monetary policy.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No

ECON1-UC 377 Development Economics (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
This course focuses on problems of economic development in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Poverty, unemployment, population growth, international trade, foreign assistance, economic policy, and the widening gap between developed and developing countries are covered.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No

ECON1-UC 378 Intro to Econometrics (4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
This seminar focuses on the use of economic models and theories in addressing research questions in economics. Topics change each semester.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: No
Prerequisites: ECON1-UC 342 AND ECON1-UC 341 AND ECON1-UC 354.

ECON1-UC 390 Sp Tpcs in Economics: (2-4 Credits)
Typically offered occasionally
This seminar focuses on the use of economic models and theories in addressing research questions in economics. Topics change each semester.
Grading: UC SPS Graded
Repeatable for additional credit: Yes