

Economics Course Descriptions

- ECN 100** **Introduction to Economics** **3 credits**
An introduction to economic way of thinking covering a survey of micro and macro economics including basic data sources.
- ECN 137** **World Economic Geography** **3 credits**
A study focusing on economic activity at the local, national and world levels, including developing nations as well as the geography of highly developed economies such as the United States and Canada. Geographic study of economic organizations and their classification with respect to resource endowment and utilization. Topics such as production, distribution and consumption of selected commodities, representing the use of resources in the framework of evolving and existing technology and culture are also included in discussions.
- ECN 295** **Microeconomic Principles** **3 credits**
Study of the scope and method of economics. The course focuses on: the allocation of resources and economic efficiency in production, demand and supply in consumption, pricing system, competition and monopoly, the pricing of factor services, and the distribution of income.
- ECN 296** **Macroeconomic Principles** **3 credits**
Study of the scope and method of economics. Course topics include: measures and determinants of the level of aggregate income and demand, inflation, employment, economic development; monetary institutions and money supply, monetary policy; taxes, government borrowing; expenditures, fiscal policy, international trade and alternative systems of economic organization.
- ECN 305** **Money and the Financial System** **3 credits**
Introduction to international financial system, balance of payments, exchange of rates and external currency markets. Course topics include: the nature and economic role of money and credit, financial intermediation and its control by monetary authority, financial markets, institutions and instruments, interest rate theory, level and term structure, yield curve strategies, control of monetary aggregates and their relationship to employment and prices, and controversies in monetary policy.
- ECN 315** **Intermediate Microeconomics** **3 credits**
An extension and elaboration of elementary price and allocation theory with emphasis on techniques and methods of analysis. Covers topics, among others, that include: the principle of optimization in consumption, production and distribution, behavior of firms, market structure and function, factor markets, and programming and activity analysis.
- ECN 316** **Intermediate Macroeconomics** **3 credits**
An extension and elaboration of elementary aggregate income and employment analysis. Focuses on: aggregate income and product accounts, aggregate demand, aggregate supply and general static equilibrium of the product and money markets, growth and instability in economic activity, stabilization through the application of fiscal and monetary policies, and simple dynamic models of growth.
- ECN 344** **International Economics** **3 credits**
A survey course of international trade and employment, poverty and local finance; transportation, housing and land use; interactions and opportunity cost of goals; problems and solution in terms of labor markets; the price system; multipliers, and industrial and occupational mix; interrelationships of physical planning and financial and socioeconomic constraints; patterns of governmental support for urban renewal and development.
- ECN 347** **Economic Development** **3 credits**
An explanation of alternative approaches to economic growth for both developed and underdeveloped countries. Focuses on: meaning, measurement and theories of development; factors contributing to economic growth, government policies, welfare issues in economic development and a critique of current development policies.

ECN 470**Special Problems in Economics****3 credits**

An intensive study of some special problems in economics, directed by members of the regular faculty or visiting professors. *As enough Economics majors and minors that are seeking Teacher Education certification are identified, the topic for this course is "Economics for Teachers." The syllabus includes a detailed course description.*

ECN 475**Natural Resource Economics****3 credits**

Examination of the economic principles and theories of the production and uses of natural resources. It analyzes the impossibility/probability/likelihood of resource repletion as based on economic rationale. Both renewable and non renewable resources such as land, water, mineral, energy, food, the environment as well as the topic of population growth/development, both in developing and developed countries.

STA 225**Statistics****3 credits**

An interdisciplinary first course which introduces students to the statistical methods available for the examination and analysis of data relevant to communication studies, economics, political science, psychology, sociology and areas of health and human services.