

SOCIAL SCIENCE II

ECON 251 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)

An analysis of US economic issues such as unemployment, inflation and the business cycle, as well as government policies used to correct these problems. Since we live in a global economy, international trade and economic development are also explored. By taking this course, the student should be able to understand the fundamentals of macroeconomic issues and how they impact households and businesses. ***This is a required course for accounting, business administration, economics and global studies majors.***

ECON 252 Principles of Microeconomics (3)

Microeconomics examines the various segments contained in the circular flow — consumer behavior, production, how firms behave in various product markets, labor markets and their resulting income issues and why the market fails, at times, to provide efficient results. How market forces allocate limited output to best satisfy society's changing unlimited wants is central. A strong emphasis is placed on real-world business applications to show the importance of economic analysis and business decision making. ***This is a required course for business and economics majors. Section 71457 also satisfies L02 Critical Thinking Seminar and is linked with a first-year faculty advisor.***

PSYC 157 Introduction to Psychology: Science for the Citizen (3)

An introductory survey of theories, topics and applications in psychology. Courses cover a wide range of classic and contemporary topics in psychology, including brain and behavior, thinking and intelligence, and psychological disorders. The 157 course emphasizes social science methodology and, therefore, students will conduct basic studies to address psychological questions using appropriate research methods. A student cannot earn credit for both PSYC 156 and PSYC 157. ***Section 71468 also satisfies L02 Critical Thinking Seminar.***

SOC 153 Sociological Imaginations (3)

How do social forces such as race, ethnicity, social class, gender, age, or religion impact your life? How can sociological research help you comprehend important public issues like inequality and poverty, education, or unemployment? Sociology is a valuable tool for understanding the social world around you. In this course, a student will develop her "sociological imagination" to understand how personal problems and public issues are interconnected. Overall, students will gain an understanding of the basic social processes of the social world including social behavior, group dynamics, the role of culture, and the significance of social structures. ***This course also satisfies L03 Social Responsibility and L03 Intercultural Competence.***

SOC 203 Social Problems (3)

This course focuses on some of the phenomena that have been identified as social problems in the United States. Among the issues discussed are poverty, gender and racial stratification, hyperconsumerism, changing family structures, inequality in the educational system, health care issues, the work environment, drug abuse, and crime. Particular attention will be given to the role of the social structure in the creation and perpetuation of social problems, and how social problems are interrelated. ***Section 71620 also satisfies L02 Critical Thinking Seminar, L03 Global Learning, and L03 Social Responsibility.***

SOC 273 Introduction to Crime and Society (3)

As an introduction to the topic of criminology, this course examines crime as a social problem within American society. Particular attention is given to the nature and function of law in society, theoretical perspectives

on crime, victimology, sources of crime data, the social meaning of criminological data, and the various societal responses to crime. These topics are addressed through specialized readings, discussion, and analysis. ***This course also satisfies L03 Social Responsibility.***