

SOCIAL SCIENCE II

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.***

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, which may include: brain and behavior, child development, thinking and intelligence, social influences on behavior, 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.

PSYC 157 Psychology for (College) Life (3) FIRST YEAR SEMINAR COURSE

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SOC 203 Climate Change: A Global Social Problem (3) FIRST YEAR SEMINAR COURSE

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. ***This course also satisfies L02 Critical Thinking Seminar, L03 Global Learning, and L03 Social Responsibility.***

SOC 222 Contested Masculinities (3)

This course is an introduction to various forms of masculinity, how masculinities are constructed and performed by individuals, and how individual performativities create larger social and cultural understandings of masculinity in specific historical, social, and cultural settings.