

Fall 2021 Economics Courses [Upper-level or Topics]

ECON 103: Economics Perspectives on Environmental Problems | MWF 1:00-1:50 PM

Instructor: Professor Karina Babb | Katrina.Babb@indstate.edu

This course examines the relationship between economics and environmental problems. Specifically, students learn about interaction between the economy and the environment, as well as how economic analysis can be used to help solve environmental problems. The analysis considers the economic efficiency and equality dimensions, places environmental problems in a historical context, and contrasts the strategies needed to tackle environmental problems at the local versus the global level. Foundational Studies Ethics and Social Responsibility.

ECON 300: Intermediate Macroeconomics | TR 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Instructor: Dr. Robert Guell | Robert.Guell@indstate.edu

Measurement and analysis of national income; theory of income determination; fluctuations and growth of economic activity; problems of fiscal and monetary policy.

Prerequisites: ECON 200 and 201

ECON 302: Economics of Health and Medical Care | online asynchronous

Instructor: Dr. Robert Guell | Robert.Guell@indstate.edu

Relates institutional arrangements to economic efficiency and productivity in the provision of health and medical services. Foundational Studies Upper Division Integrative Elective.

ECON 303/GH 301: Environmental Economics | MWF 1:00-1:50 PM

Instructor: Dr. Debra Israel | Debra.Israel@indstate.edu

Students will examine the different challenges posed in addressing environmental issues at the local, statewide, regional, national and international levels. Students will actively explore various environmental problems and solutions through field trips and research. Students will learn how economic analysis can contribute to formulating environmental policies that accomplish societal goals in a cost-effective manner. Environmental justice and climate change are an example of the varied topics covered in this course.

Prerequisite: ECON 201

ECON 321: Money and Banking | online asynchronous

Instructor: Dr. Robert Guell | Robert.Guell@indstate.edu

The nature and function of credit in the American economy; operation of the commercial bank; purposes and functions of the Federal Reserve System; and an introduction to monetary theory.

Prerequisites: ECON 100, or 200 and 201, or consent of instructor.

ECON 362: Economic History of the United States | online asynchronous

Instructor: Dr. John Conant | John.Conant@indstate.edu

Relates the growth and development of the American economy to changes in social and economic institutions.

ECON 346/GH 301: Latin American Political Economy | TR 9:30-10:45 AM

Instructor: Dr. Donald Richards | Donald.Richards@indstate.edu

The purpose of this course is to provide students with an introduction to Latin American Political Economy (LAPE). The emphasis is on *political* economy based on the belief that an adequate understanding of the complex reality of the region cannot be grasped by the application of economic principles and models alone. In truth, a thorough understanding of the region would require that we study it along many dimensions including its history, geography, culture, and sociology besides its economic and politics. As this would be impractical, we confine ourselves to political economy as a kind of imperfect compromise. At times, however, we shall step outside of even this broadened perspective as it suits our immediate needs. A particular focus of this course is the growth in the political, economic, and diplomatic relations between China and Latin America and the U.S. response to this.

ECON 355: The Economics of Crime | TR 12:30-1:45 PM

Instructor: Dr. Richard Lotspeich | Richard.Lotspeich@indstate.edu

A survey course that uses the framework of economics to analyze criminal behavior and society's response to crime. Fundamental concepts of economics are explained and then applied to four broad domains in which economics and criminology intersect: crime as rational behavior, understanding social costs of crime, operation of a Criminal Justice System, and political economy of criminal law. Foundational Studies Upper Division Integrative Elective.

ECON 398/GH 301: Food, Hunger and Sustainable Agriculture | TR 2:00-3:15 PM

Instructor: Dr. Donald Richards | Donald.Richards@indstate.edu

This course examines the problems of global hunger, local hunger, and food production from a perspective that is critical of the dominant model of food production and distribution. It is "critical" as regards industrial agriculture's technical capacities to eliminate hunger and malnutrition, as well as its potential ability to provide for its own long term environmental sustainability. It is also critical concerning the advantages of a profit-led model of agriculture to provide sustainable answers to human need for nutrition. In this regard the course considers particularly the problems of food security as it affects low income families involving people of color. Finally, the course also examines the potential and limitations of several alternative models of agriculture including the possibilities of the growing "local food movement."

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