

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Programs

Undergraduate

Majors

- Economics, BA (<https://catalog.tulane.edu/liberal-arts/economics/economics-ba>)
- Economics, BS (<https://catalog.tulane.edu/liberal-arts/economics/economics-bs>)

Minor

- Economics Minor (<https://catalog.tulane.edu/liberal-arts/economics/economics-minor>)

Graduate

- Economics Analysis and Policy, PhD (<https://catalog.tulane.edu/liberal-arts/economics/economics-analysis-policy-phd>)
- Policy Economics, MA (<https://catalog.tulane.edu/liberal-arts/economics/policy-economics-ma>)

Courses

Economics (ECON)

ECON 1010 Intro to Microeconomics (3 Credit Hours)

An introduction to theory of prices and the allocation of resources. Topics include the pricing of goods and services, the determination of wages and returns to capital, market structure, and international trade.

ECON 1020 Intro to Macroeconomics (3 Credit Hours)

An introduction to theory of aggregate income, employment, and the price level. Topics include unemployment, alternative monetary and fiscal policies, and economic growth.

ECON 1940 Transfer Coursework (3 Credit Hours)

ECON 3010 Intermed Microeconomics (3 Credit Hours)

An exposition of modern microeconomic theory. Theory of consumer choice, production cost, product markets, and input markets.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 1010, 1010, 1010, 1010, 1030, 1030, 1030 or 1030.

ECON 3020 Intermed. Macroeconomics (3 Credit Hours)

An exposition of modern macroeconomic theory. Theory of national income, employment, and the price level. The role of monetary and fiscal policy in economic stabilization and growth.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 1020 or 1040.

ECON 3100 Econ of Money & Banking (3 Credit Hours)

Covers both theory of monetary systems and the current structure of United States financial institutions. General topics to be included are monetary systems, financial intermediation and resource allocation, informational value of economy-wide financial markets, the term structure of interest rates, United States financial institutions and their relation to the federal reserve system, regulatory issues, and current tactics in monetary control.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 1020, 1020, 1020, 1020, 1040, 1040, 1040 or 1040.

ECON 3230 Econometrics (3 Credit Hours)

A one semester introduction to econometric theory and practice. After a brief review of probability theory and descriptive and inferential statistics, we will lay the theoretical foundation for the most commonly used tool in applied economics: linear regression. Our study of linear regression will be based on the Gauss-Markov conditions. The final portion of the course will cover applications and special cases of linear regression. The course will make extensive use of the statistical software Stata. Corequisite: ECON 3240, Econometrics Lab

Prerequisite(s): (ECON 1010, 1010, 1010 or 1010) and (MATH 1110, 1140, 1230 or 3070).

ECON 3240 Econometrics Lab (1 Credit Hour)

An introduction to the use of a statistical programming language. Students will learn skills such as graphing, regression analysis, and data manipulation. Ways to avoid common mistakes and good programming techniques are also provided.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 1010.

ECON 3320 Urban Economics (3 Credit Hours)

A review of the determinants of the location, size, growth, and form of urban areas. Study of the major issues of contemporary urban life: physical deterioration, growth of ghettos, congestion, pollution, transportation, and land use.

Prerequisite(s): (ECON 1010, 1010, 1010, 1010, 1030, 1030, 1030 or 1030).

ECON 3330 Environ & Natrl Resourc (3 Credit Hours)

An introduction to the economic theory of how and why people make decisions that have consequences for the natural environment and the availability of renewable and nonrenewable natural resources. Analysis will include valuation of pollution damages and controls, the use of environmental valuations to determine optimal rates of extraction and utilization of natural resources. The course will apply analytical results to current environmental and natural resources issues.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 1010, 1030, 1010, 1010 or 1010.

ECON 3340 Government and The Economy (3 Credit Hours)

An analysis and description of the role of government in the economy with specific applications to the United States. Sources of market failures such as public goods, externalities, and non-competitive practices are discussed. Other topics include theories of public choice, anti-trust legislation, regulation, the pricing of public sector output, and cost-benefit analysis.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 1010, 1010, 1010, 1010, 1030, 1030, 1030 or 1030.

ECON 3370 World Economy (3 Credit Hours)

This course offers a non-technical introduction to the analysis of international economic issues. While we will be primarily interested in developing standard economic approaches to these issues we will also offer a variety of other useful approaches from political science, sociology, and less mainstream parts of economics. Among specific issues to be treated: protectionism, multinational firms, debt crisis, international macroeconomic policy coordination and European integration.

Prerequisite(s): (ECON 1010, 1010, 1010 or 1010) and (ECON 1020, 1020, 1020 or 1020).

ECON 3420 Econ Hist of U.S. (3 Credit Hours)

A description and analysis of the principal features of the American economic experience. The colonial relationship with England. The economics of slavery. The industrialization and urbanization of America. Attention also is given to the insight into contemporary problems that can be gained by an examination of our historical experience.

Prerequisite(s): (ECON 1020, 1020, 1020, 1020 or 1040) and (ECON 1010, 1010, 1010 or 1010).

ECON 3500 Economics & Health Care Reform (3 Credit Hours)

The objective of this course is for students to examine health care issues and reforms from an economic perspective. The course will first provide students with an overview of the U.S. health care system and then discuss important problems associated with U.S. health care markets including high health care costs or the high number of uninsured. Students will use theories and concepts from economics to understand these problems and assess the impact of health reforms. Much attention will focus on various provisions of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Topics covered will include the expansion of private and public health insurance, the individual mandate, measures to control health care costs and spending, the regulation of the health insurance industry, the politics and ongoing debates surrounding health care reform, and the impact of health care reform on the economy.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 1010, 1010, 1010 or 1010.

ECON 3530 Global Food Economy (3 Credit Hours)

We focus on the challenge of feeding a growing world population with limited natural resources. Using real-world data, we examine both demand and supply side factors that influence food security, paying special attention to food insecurity in developing nations. Prerequisites: ECON 1010 or ECON 1020.

Prerequisite(s): (ECON 1010, 1010, 1010 or 1010) or (ECON 1020, 1020, 1020 or 1020).

ECON 3540 Development Economics (3 Credit Hours)

An analysis of the problems of generating economic growth in less developed countries. Alternative strategies for promoting economic growth. The impact of the industrialized Western World on the economic development of poor countries.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 1010, 1030, 1010, 1010 or 1010.

ECON 3580 Labor & Pop In Lat Amer (3 Credit Hours)

An examination of labor markets and demographic problems in Latin America. The course explores in depth dual labor markets, labor union activity in Latin America, migration and fertility change. Basic demographic methods to analyze migration and fertility are taught and the demographic experiences of selected Latin American countries reviewed.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 1010, 1010, 1010, 1010 or 1030.

ECON 3590 Econ Devlp of Lat Amer (3 Credit Hours)

An introduction to economic issues that are of particular concern to Latin America. Emphasis is placed on understanding the position of Latin America within the world economy by studying measures of development and poverty, discussing theoretical models of structural economic change, and examining changes in international trading relations. As Economics 3590 is a survey course, it is best taken before ECON 4580 and ECON 4660.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 1010, 1030, 1010, 1010 or 1010.

ECON 3610 Games & Strategic Behavior (3 Credit Hours)

This course provides an introduction to game theory – the formal study of strategic situations – and its applications. The course will cover the basic analysis of simultaneous and sequential move games with perfect and imperfect information. This material will be followed by a number of applications which illustrate how the use of game theory can help us to improve our understanding of strategic behavior in economic, political, and social situations.

Prerequisite(s): (ECON 1010, 1010 or 1010) and (MATH 1220 or 1310).

ECON 3810 Labor Economics (3 Credit Hours)

A survey and economic analysis of some contemporary labor market issues. Topics include labor force participation and the economics of retirement, the supply and demand for labor, the demand for education and investment in human capital, unions and collective bargaining, the structure of compensation, occupational choice, job turnover and labor mobility, an introduction to theory of job search as well as various other theories of unemployment. The course focuses on theoretical and empirical aspects of labor economics and is only peripherally concerned with institutional, legal or management aspects.

Prerequisite(s): (ECON 1010, 1010, 1010 or 1010).

ECON 3890 Service Learning: ECON 3100 (0-1 Credit Hours)

Students complete a service activity in the community in conjunction with the content of the corequisite course.

ECON 3910 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Independent Study in Economics.

ECON 3920 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Independent Study in Economics.

ECON 3970 Special Studies (1-3 Credit Hours)

Special Topics in Economics.

ECON 3980 Special Studies (3 Credit Hours)

Special Topics in Economics.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 1010, 1030, 1010, 1010 or 1010.

ECON 3981 Special Studies (3 Credit Hours)**ECON 3982 Special Studies (3 Credit Hours)****ECON 4230 Econometrics (3 Credit Hours)**

Building on the statistical techniques learned in Economics 3230, the course concentrates on the principal methods used to correct violations of the basic assumptions of ordinary least squares. ECON 6230 is the master's-level equivalent.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 3230 or MATH 3070.

ECON 4250 Decisions Under Uncertainty (3 Credit Hours)

The theory and practice of decision-making under uncertain conditions. Applications and examples are drawn from the realm of personal, business, medical and environmental decision-making. ECON 6250 is the master's-level equivalent.

ECON 4300 Regulation (3 Credit Hours)

Provides students with an overview of government regulation and the regulatory process, particularly those regulations focusing on health, safety and the environment. We will use theories and evidence from economics, law and policy to help students answer five questions relating to regulation: Why regulate? How are regulatory rules made? How are regulations enforced? How do we determine whether regulations are successful? What alternatives exist to regulation? Students will have an opportunity to apply what they have learned to a regulatory area of their own choosing. ECON 6300 is the master's-level equivalent.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 3010.

ECON 4330 Intl Trading Relations (3 Credit Hours)

An examination of the principles of international trade and the international arrangements that have been established to guide international trade. Specific topics include comparative advantage, the effects of tariffs and quotas, and the substitution of the movement of goods for the movement of capital and labor. ECON 6330 is the master's level equivalent.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 3010.

ECON 4410 Topics-Mathematical Econ (3 Credit Hours)

A mathematical approach to microeconomic theory with an emphasis on static and dynamic optimization. ECON 6410 is the master's-level equivalent.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 3010 and (MATH 1220 or 1310).

ECON 4500 Health Econ & Policy (3 Credit Hours)

Provides an overview of the field of health economics. Economic theories and tools will be used to study behavior and outcomes in health care markets. Institutional features of the U.S. health care system will be examined. General topics include the demand for health care, determinants and consequences of health, medical technology, the role of health insurance, the behavior of health providers, managed care, comparative health care systems and health policy and reforms. ECON 6500 is the master's-level equivalent.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 3010.

ECON 4510 Adv Top In Macroeconomic (3 Credit Hours)

Structure and operation of macroeconomic system, covering both closed and open economies. ECON 6510 is the master's-level equivalent.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 3020.

ECON 4540 Public Finance & Public Policy (3 Credit Hours)

An overview of the field of public finance and public policy. Topics include the rationale for government intervention in the economy, the efficiency, distributional, and revenue effects of taxation, and the evaluation of specific public policies and tax instruments. ECON 6540 is the masters level equivalent, open to graduate students only. Prerequisites: ECON 3010 or ECON 3030.

Prerequisite(s): (ECON 3010 or 3010) or (ECON 3030 or 3030).

ECON 4560 Comparative Economic Systems (3 Credit Hours)

This is a seminar course in the comparative economic systems analysis. The course studies economic outcomes in different institutional, geographic, and political settings.

Prerequisite(s): (ECON 3010 or 3010).

ECON 4570 Internship (1-3 Credit Hours)

An experiential learning process. Open only to juniors and seniors in good standing.

Corequisite(s): SRVC 4890.

ECON 4580 Labor & Pop In L.A. (3 Credit Hours)

Writing Intensive. An analysis of the economic relation between labor markets, population movements, poverty, and human capital formation. Theoretical foundations are developed and applied in several Latin America contexts.

ECON 4600 Inequality & Poverty Latin Am (3 Credit Hours)

Latin America is the region with the highest levels of income inequality and where inequality has been most persistent. Through comparative and in-depth country studies this course analyzes the dynamics of income inequality and poverty in the region focusing on the role of markets and the state. The course includes a review of quantitative methods to measure inequality and poverty and the theories and methods to analyze their determinants. Using a qualitative scorecard, students will learn to assess government efforts to reduce inequality and poverty. The course is largely non-technical and open to graduate and undergraduate students in the social sciences. ECON 6600 is the master's-level equivalent.

Prerequisite(s): (ECON 1010, 1010, 1010, 1010, 1030, 1030, 1030 or 1030) and ECON 1020.

ECON 4610 Game Theory (3 Credit Hours)

An introduction to the use of game theory in diverse areas such as modern economic research, political science, sociology, and evolutionary processes. ECON 6610 is the master's-level equivalent, open to graduate students only.

Prerequisite(s): (ECON 3010 or 3030) and (MATH 1220 or 1310).

ECON 4660 Sem On Lat Am Countries (3,4 Credit Hours)

A complement to other courses in the Latin American economics sequence focusing on a particular country or sub-region. ECON 6660 is the master's-level equivalent.

ECON 4680 Economics of Poverty (3 Credit Hours)

This course presents an overview of inequality and poverty analysis with a focus on two main themes: measurement challenges and fiscal policy. Students will learn fiscal incidence methods and how to apply them to actual countries. Students will also learn basic inequality and poverty analysis techniques using the statistical software package Stata. Pre-requisites: ECON 3010 and ECON 3020. No prior knowledge of Stata is required.

Prerequisite(s): (ECON 3010 or 3010) and (ECON 3020 or 3020).

ECON 4810 Economics of Slavery (3 Credit Hours)

An analysis and description of the economic history of slavery, with particular focus on the United States. Topics include the slave trade, profitability, the efficiency of slave labor, emancipation, slavery and economic growth, the treatment of slaves (diets, housing, and medical care) and demographic effects of slavery.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 3010 and 3230.

ECON 4910 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Independent Study in Economics.

ECON 4920 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Independent Study in Economics.

ECON 4950 Corporate Finance (3 Credit Hours)

Study of the sources of funding, capital structure, and decision making of firms.

ECON 4961 Senior Seminar (3 Credit Hours)**ECON 4962 Senior Seminar (3 Credit Hours)**

Prerequisite(s): ECON 3010.

ECON 4970 Special Studies In Econ (1-3 Credit Hours)

Special Topics in Economics.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 3010 and 4971.

ECON 4971 Special Studies in Econ (1-3 Credit Hours)

Prerequisite(s): ECON 3810*, 4980*, 4990* or 5000*.

* May be taken concurrently.

ECON 4980 Special Studies In Econ (1-3 Credit Hours)**ECON 4981 Special Studies in Economics (3 Credit Hours)****ECON 4990 Honors Thesis (3 Credit Hours)**

Honors Thesis in Economics.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 3230*.

* May be taken concurrently.

ECON 5000 Honors Thesis (4 Credit Hours)

Honors Thesis in Economics.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 3230*.

* May be taken concurrently.

ECON 5190 Semester Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Does not count toward major; must be matched with other ECON elective.

ECON 5380 Junior Year Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Does not count toward major; must be matched with other ECON elective.

ECON 5390 Junior Year Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Does not count toward major; must be matched with other ECON elective.

ECON 6010 Adv Topics In Microecon (3 Credit Hours)**ECON 6070 Intro Mathematical Econ (3 Credit Hours)**

A presentation of the primary mathematical techniques used in modern economics: calculus, linear algebra, and set theory.

ECON 6230 Econometrics (3 Credit Hours)

Building on the statistical techniques learned in Economics 3230, the course concentrates on the principal methods used to correct violations of the basic assumptions of ordinary least squares. Master's-level version of ECON 4230. Students should consult with Professor for additional assignments & different grading criteria.

ECON 6300 Regulation (3 Credit Hours)

This course will provide students with an overview of government regulation and the regulatory process, particularly those regulations focusing on health, safety, and the environment. We will use theories and evidence from economics, law, and policy. Master's-level version of ECON 4300. Students should consult with Professor for additional assignments & different grading criteria.

ECON 6330 Intl Trading Relations (3 Credit Hours)

An examination of the principles of international trade and the international arrangements that have been established to guide international trade. Specific topics include comparative advantage, the effects of tariffs and quotas. Master's-level version of ECON 4330. Students should consult with Professor for additional assignments & different grading criteria.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 3010.

ECON 6410 Topics-Mathematical Econ (3 Credit Hours)

A mathematical approach to microeconomic theory with an emphasis on static and dynamic optimization. Master's-level version of ECON 4410. Students should consult with Professor for additional assignments & different grading criteria.

Prerequisite(s): ECON 3010 and (MATH 1210 and 1220 or MATH 1310).

ECON 6500 Health Econ & Policy (3 Credit Hours)

Provides an overview of the field of health economics. Economic theories and tools will be used to study behavior and outcomes in health care markets. Institutional features of the U.S. health care system will be examined. Master's-level version of ECON 4500. Students should consult with Professor for additional assignments & different grading criteria.

ECON 6510 Adv Top In Macroeconomic (3 Credit Hours)

Structure and operation of macroeconomic system, covering both closed and open economies. Master's-level version of ECON 4510. Students should consult with Professor for additional assignments & different grading criteria.

ECON 6520 Econ Public Expenditures (3 Credit Hours)

An examination of the economic bases for and evaluation of government expenditure programs. Topics include the rationale for government intervention into the economy, difficulties involved in setting appropriate levels of government activity. Master's-level version of ECON 4520. Students should consult with Professor for additional assignments & different grading criteria.

ECON 6530 Economics of Taxation (3 Credit Hours)

An analysis of major tax structures used in or proposed for the U.S. Economy. Each tax and the system as a whole will be judged according to the criteria of economic efficiency and tax equity. Master's-level version of ECON 4530. Students should consult with Professor for additional assignments & different grading criteria.

ECON 6540 Public Finance & Public Policy (3 Credit Hours)

An overview of the field of public finance and public policy. Topics include the rationale for government intervention in the economy, the efficiency, distributional, and revenue effects of taxation, and the evaluation of specific public policies and tax instruments. ECON 6540 is the masters level equivalent, open to graduate students only.

Prerequisite(s): (ECON 3010 or 3010) or (ECON 3030 or 3030).

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Prerequisite(s): (ECON 3010 or 3010).

ECON 6580 Labor & Pop In L.A. (3 Credit Hours)

An analysis of the economic relation between labor markets, population movements, poverty, and human capital formation. Theoretical foundations are developed and applied in several Latin America contexts.

ECON 6600 Inequality & Poverty Latin Am (3 Credit Hours)

Comparative analysis and in-depth country studies of inequality and poverty in Latin America. Topics include measures of inequality and poverty; causes and consequences of inequality and poverty; and, assessment of public policies and their effectiveness. Master's-level version of ECON 4600. Students should consult with Professor for additional assignments & different grading criteria.

ECON 6610 Game Theory (3 Credit Hours)

An introduction to the use of game theory in diverse areas such as modern economic research, political science, sociology, and evolutionary processes. Master's-level version of ECON 4610. Students should consult with Professor for additional assignments & different grading criteria. Open to graduate students only.

ECON 6660 Sem On Lat Am Countries (3 Credit Hours)

A complement to other courses in the Latin American economics sequence focusing on a particular country or sub-region. Master's-level version of ECON 4660. Students should consult with Professor for additional assignments & different grading criteria.

ECON 6680 Economics of Poverty (3 Credit Hours)

This course presents an overview of inequality and poverty analysis with a focus on two main themes: measurement challenges and fiscal policy. Students will learn fiscal incidence methods and how to apply them to actual countries. Students will also learn basic inequality and poverty analysis techniques using the statistical software package Stata. Pre-requisites: ECON 3010 and ECON 3020. No prior knowledge of Stata is required.

Prerequisite(s): (ECON 3010 or 3010) and (ECON 3020 or 3020).

ECON 6810 Economics of Slavery (3 Credit Hours)

An analysis and description of the economic history of slavery, with particular focus on the United States. Topics include the slave trade, profitability, the efficiency of slave labor, emancipation, slavery and economic growth, the treatment of slaves (diets, housing, and medical care) and demographic effects of slavery.

ECON 6970 Special Topics In Econ (1-3 Credit Hours)

Special Topics in Economics.

ECON 6971 Special Topics in Economics (1-3 Credit Hours)

Special Topics in Economics.

ECON 6972 Special Topics in Economics (1-3 Credit Hours)

Special Topics in Economics.

ECON 6973 Special Topics in Economics (1-3 Credit Hours)

Special Topics in Economics.

ECON 6980 Special Studies In Econ (1-3 Credit Hours)

Special Studies in Economics.

ECON 6981 Special Studies in Economics (1-3 Credit Hours)

Special Studies in Economics.

ECON 7130 Spec Prob In Economics I (3 Credit Hours)

Special Studies in Economics.

ECON 7140 Spec Prob In Econ II (3 Credit Hours)

Special Studies in Economics.

ECON 7160 Econometrics I (3 Credit Hours)

As the first course of the econometrics sequence (the other two are Econometric II (ECON7170) and Econometrics III (ECON7175)), this course mainly aims to cover mathematical fundamentals (probability theory, distribution theory, statistical inference and asymptotic theory) and help the students to prepare for more advanced topics and econometric models for their future independent research.

ECON 7170 Econometrics II (3 Credit Hours)

This course will begin with an overview of the classic linear regression model. We will cover both finite sample and large sample properties of OLS method, as well as the hypothesis test associated with OLS. We will also discuss the maximum likelihood method (ML), generalized least squares (GLS), endogeneity problem and its solution (instrument variable (IV)), generalized method of moments (GMM), panel data model. We will also briefly introduce the popular logit/probit model and the numerical methods used to estimate them. Finally, we will introduce several useful time series model, such as moving average (MA) and autoregressive (AR) model.

ECON 7175 Econometrics III (3 Credit Hours)

This course builds somewhat on the content of PhD Econometrics I and II. The course covers methodologies that would be in any applied microeconometricians "toolbox". These include regression control, instrumental variables, experiments, panel methods, difference-in-differences, and regression discontinuity design. The course will cover the basic theory, applications, and best practices. Students will put this into practice with actual data sets and applications.

ECON 7180 Mathematical Economics I (3 Credit Hours)**ECON 7460 Urban Economics (3 Credit Hours)**

Introduction to the use of economical analysis tools to examine topics like crime, education, property taxation, transportation, and housing that are of particular interest to urban areas.

ECON 7510 Adv Price Theory I (3 Credit Hours)

This course presents the main theoretical tools and mathematical modeling techniques used in microeconomics, with particular focus on consumer and producer theory, partial equilibrium analysis and monopoly, and choice under uncertainty.

ECON 7520 Adv Price Theory II (3 Credit Hours)

Introduction to the main concepts and tools of game theory and mechanism design with the aim to enable students to read original game-theoretic literature and to prepare them to do research in the field.

ECON 7530 Adv Inc and Emp Theory I (3 Credit Hours)

A one-semester introduction to modern macroeconomic theory. The first part of the course will develop models of growth and optimal growth with alternative micro foundations. The second part of the course will consider models of economic fluctuations including real business cycle models and New Keynesian models. The last part of the course will focus on modern theories of consumption, investment, and unemployment.

ECON 7540 Adv Inc and Emp Theoryii (3 Credit Hours)

Advanced study of the performance, structure, behavior, and decision-making of an economy as a whole.

ECON 7670 Public Finance I (3 Credit Hours)

Advanced study of the role of government in the economy. Public finance is classically divided into taxation, expenditures, and local public finance.

ECON 7680 Public Finance II (3 Credit Hours)

This version of the course might be best described as one in "the role of government in markets." Debates about the role of government increasingly center on the specific ways in which the four main forms of government involvement—expenditures/subsidies, regulation, mandates, and public provision—are designed and implemented. The optimal policy design (i.e., the optimal role of government in these four areas), in turn, depends on the characteristics of the good/service in question.

ECON 7710 Econ Develop.Theory I (3 Credit Hours)

This course will introduce some of the classic approaches to understanding economic development as a process and then quickly move on to examine the literature on poverty, income distribution, income determination and then look at some special issues, like education, child labor, poverty traps and structural rigidities peculiar to developing countries, and the place of women in development.

ECON 7720 Econ Develop.Theory II (3 Credit Hours)

This course covers the quantitative analysis of inequality and poverty measures; theories of income distribution; decomposition methods; and, the theory and practice of fiscal incidence analysis. Students will learn theories and methods, and apply them to a particular country.

ECON 7980 Special Studies In Econ (1-3 Credit Hours)

Special Studies in Economics.

ECON 7981 Special Studies in Econ (1-3 Credit Hours)

Special Studies in Economics.

ECON 7982 Special Topics in Econ (1-3 Credit Hours)

Special Topics in Economics.

ECON 7983 Special Topics in Econ (1-3 Credit Hours)

This course designation is reserved for topics that are not on the regular curriculum taught by regular faculty and for one-time offerings by visitors.

ECON 7990 Independent Studies (1-3 Credit Hours)

Independent Study in Economics.

ECON 9980 Masters Research (0 Credit Hours)

Masters Research in Economics.

ECON 9990 Dissertation Research (0 Credit Hours)

Dissertation Research in Economics.