Spring 2019 Economics Electives

(Unless otherwise noted, all classes require students to have taken 3250:200 & 201 or 3250:244. There are additional prerequisites for 3250:426 and 3250:434 as noted below.)

3250:333-001 Labor Economics
MW 11:45–1:00 pm
Dr. Renna
Should we raise minimum wage? Are immigrants stealing jobs from natives? Why do women earn less than men? How can we reduce unemployment? What is the relationship between schooling and future wages? In this class we will explore these and other questions. We will use economic theory to develop a framework that will guide us in finding an answer to pressing labor market issues.

3250:400-001 Intermediate Macroeconomics
MW 2:45-4:00 pm
Dr. Ozdemir
The economy has bounced back after the recession and has picked up its pace. The Federal Reserve continues to pare down an extraordinarily loose monetary policy. Inflation is stable and unemployment rates are below 5% and there is an expectation of higher interest rates. So what are economic indicators telling us with regards to the health of the US and the global economic systems? Intermediate Macroeconomics provides an exploration of the role of monetary and fiscal policies in economic stabilization and an equilibrium analysis of output, employment and price levels. Join us in Spring 2018 for a discussion on how successful policies have been and critically analyze the current state and future of the US economy.

3250:426-001 Applied Econometrics
T TH 10:15-11:30 am
Dr. Nelson
Econometrics is the application of statistical techniques to economic problems. The course will cover the typical problems confronted in applied research, including estimation technique, hypothesis testing, and modeling framework. A hands-on emphasis using real world data from economics and the social sciences. {Note: This course has a pre-requisite of 3470:261 and 262 or equivalent in addition to principles of economics.}

3250:460-001 Economics of Developing Countries
T TH 11:45-1:00 pm
Dr. Erickson
Have you thought about the economic and social issues faced by the three quarters of the world that is not in developed countries? Why are they poor? What policies and projects might change their situation? Learn to “think development” as we build a framework to look at how poor people behave and how their decisions can be affected by policies and programs. Analyze the new insights on poverty, hunger, rising inequality and lack of health care and education as well as trade and government.
3250:497-004 (Honors)  
Labor Market Analysis & Evaluation  
MW 4:15-5:30 pm  
Dr. Renna

You have taken several classes of economics and have learned some of the tools that economists use in carrying out empirical research. Now, you would like to conduct your own research project, but you don’t know where to start. Then this class is for you!!! You will learn how to write a paper in economics, new econometric techniques, but we will work most of the time on your project. Show your future employer what you can do as an economist!  {Note: This is the capstone course for the BSLE degree and has 3250:410, 426, and 430 as prerequisites.}

3250:461/561-001  
Principles of International Economics  
T Th 2:45pm-4:00pm  
Dr. Ghosh

Do you want to understand how global economics works? Then this is the class for you! This class will help you understand the economics behind international trade and international finance events occurring in our global world. At the end of this class, you will be able to evaluate, using sound economic analysis, questions such as: Are President Trump’s tariffs on U.S. imports beneficial for America? Should NAFTA be removed, revised or remain unchanged? Why is the U.S. dollar so strong? Why did Venezuela devalue its currency by 96 percent in August 2018? What did U.S. miss when it walked away from the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)? What are the consequences of United Kingdom leaving the European Union? Take this class to understand global economics…it will make a WORLD of difference to you!

PRIORITY REGISTRATION STARTS OCTOBER 29th!!  
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