

**ECON2207 The Global Economy** *Prerequisites: ECON1101*

**Aaron Medlin**

This course aims to deepen your understanding of real world economic issues, while providing you with a stronger analytical base. We will focus on international trade theory and policy, and issues in international finance.

**ECON2220 Behavioral Economics**

**Not open to students who have taken or are currently taking ECON3242**

*Joseph Quinn/Matthew Rutledge*

We live in a rapidly aging nation. In two decades, the age distribution of the US will look like that of Florida today. We will analyze the underlying demographic trends, the economic status of the aged, the fiscal challenge of an aging society, public policies (especially social insurance) designed to assist older Americans, the impact of public policy on individual behavior, and proposals for reform.

**ECON2246 Impact of News on Financial Markets *Prerequisites: ECON1101***

*Hossein Kazemi*

The impact of news on financial markets is examined in this course. More specifically, this course studies how Central Banks and Financial Markets react to economic and financial news. Using tools of economics and finance, the impact of macroeconomic data releases, business and financial news, as well as domestic and global political news on the financial markets will be measured and evaluated in this course. It further examines how the markets, including bonds, equities, commodities and foreign exchange markets, react to the news.

**ECON2269 Aspects of Economic Growth *Prerequisites: ECON1101***

**Veysel Ulusoy**

**ECON3040 Health and the Environment: People, Policy, and Technology**  
**This course is cross-listed with SCHI3040**

**Edson Severnini**

This course examines the relationship between health and the environment, focusing on how pollution,

cooperation and conflict, cults and gangs, religion, and interactions between genetic and cultural forces. This course has an intensive research and writing requirement and enrollment is limited. You should be comfortable using stata.

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+Fulfills cultural diversity core requirement.

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**ECON3324 Money and Financial Markets** *Prerequisites: ECON2202 or ECON2204, ECON2228*

**Not open to students who have taken ECON2246**

**Hossein Kazemi**

This course covers topics such as the significance and multiple functions of money in the economy, the behavior of interest rates, the banking system, financial markets, and the management of financial institutions. This course further covers the Federal Reserve System and the conduct of monetary policy, different asset classes, the foreign exchange market, and the international financial system. There is a heavy emphasis on use of market data and the analysis of economic releases-earnings reports, government policy statements, etc.-to provide a comprehensive introduction to the subject. Moreover,



This course studies markets where customers and sellers cannot instantly meet such as labor markets, taxi markets, and oceanic shipping markets. It also examines what happens to the markets when platforms, such as Uber/Lyft and Airbnb, emerge to assist in the matching process. The goal is to examine these topics from multiple perspectives, using economic theory, covering case studies, reading the academic literature and writing policy memos.

**ECON3371 International Trade** *Prerequisites: ECON2201 or ECON2203*

**Not open to students who have taken ECON3376**

**Farid Farrokhi/Fangxu Duan**

This course is an analysis of the foundations of trade and the principle of comparative advantage leading to a sophisticated study of protectionism. Current U.S. protectionist issues will be illuminated, as well as economic warfare, control of international factor movements, and interaction of trade and economic development.

**ECON3372 International Finance** *Prerequisites: ECON2201 or 2203, ECON2202 or ECON2204, ECON2228*

**Not open to students who have taken ECON3376**

**Yuanchen Cai**

International financial markets, international trade and balance of payments issues will be studied by using analytical models of the open economy. Topics of particular interests are exchange rate determination, capital flows, trade flows, and other international linkages between economies. The

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**James Anderson**

This course introduces the study of economic relations among countries. It combines material contained in ECON3371 and ECON3372, and substitutes for both those courses. Primarily designed for International Studies majors, it is also appropriate for economics and other social science majors, with the proviso that the comprehensive coverage of the course implies that the workload is heavy and expectations for students are high. Topics include the determinants of trade in goods, services, and capital; the economic policies that nations use to influence such trade; the theory and practice of international macroeconomics; and problems of coordinating macroeconomic policies among countries. The course features the usefulness (and limitations) of game theory for explaining international economic interactions.

**ECON3379 Financial Economics** *Prerequisites: ECON2201, ECON1151, MATH1100, ECON2228*

**Peter Ireland**

This undergraduate elective focuses on financial economics, with specific emphasis on asset pricing and the valuation of risky cash flows. After developing and studying the details of consumer decision-making under uncertainty, it uses that general framework as a basis for understanding both equilibrium and no-arbitrage theories of securities pricing, including the capital asset pricing model (CAPM), the consumption capital asset pricing model (CCAPM), Arrow-Debreu theories, martingale pricing methods, and the arbitrage pricing theory (APT).

**ECON3389 Machine Learning for Economics** *Prerequisites: ECON1151*

**Shane McMiken**

The world we live in is characterized by an exponential increase in data that accurately describes our daily

Students are expected to do bi-weekly computational exercises as well as to prepare reports on policy issues of interest based on their use of computational models.

### **ECON3399 Independent Study**



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