

Electives in Economics

Fall 2019

Goal

- Economics has MANY electives. Taking ones that sound interesting and that are well taught is always a good strategy.
- In addition, these slides provide different groupings of classes that Economics majors may find helpful in organizing their schedule.
- The slides are meant to give students a sense of how the faculty see the classes going together.

Grouping of Electives

- Micro vs. Macro
- More mathematical
- More empirical
- Topics:
 - Business
 - Banking
 - Inequality
 - Public Policy
 - Development
 - Labor
 - Theory

New Courses

- The course number EC390 is meant for new and experimental courses.
- In Economics, we number each course by double letters:
 - EC390AA, EC390BB, EC390CC
- Each one is a different topic.
- You may take EC390 courses multiple times for credit, as long as the topic is different.
- All new courses must start as an EC390.

Current EC390 courses

- **Fall: EC390BB Gender Economics**
 - We will consider continuing this as EC390.
- **Spring: EC390AA Urban Economics**
 - Most likely will transition to a permanent course number.
- **Next year:**
 - I expect Professor Kotlikoff to teach EC390 Advanced Macroeconomics

Electives that emphasize microeconomics 1

- EC323 Behavioral Economics
- EC325 Poverty and Discrimination
- EC358 Economics of Education
- EC332 Market Structure and Performance
- EC333 Market Organization and Public Policy
- EC337 Economics of Legal Issues
- EC356 Labor Economics
- EC363 Race and Development of the US Economy

Electives that emphasize microeconomics 2

- EC367 Economics of Public Sector
- EC371 Environmental Economics
- EC385 Sports Economics
- EC387 Health Economics
- EC403 Game Theory
- EC404 Economics of Information
- EC436 Economics of Corporate Organization

Courses that emphasize macroeconomics

- EC341 Money and Banking
- EC342 Theory of Money and Banking
- EC368 Contemporary East Asian Economics
- EC369 Economic Development of Latin America
- EC370 Chinese Economy
- EC392 International Macroeconomics

Classes that use both micro and macro

May vary with instructor.

- EC320 Economics of Lesser Developed Countries
- EC365 Topics in Economic History
- EC390 Urban Economics
- EC391 International Economics
- EC445 Economics of Risk and Uncertainty

More mathematical classes

- 400 level courses tend to be more mathematical.
- EC323 Behavior Economics can be taught in a fairly mathematical way.

More empirical classes

- Tend to have EC203 or EC204 as pre-reqs.

Business, Competition

- EC332 Market Structure and Performance
- EC333 Market Organization and Public Policy
- EC337 Economics of Legal Issues
- EC385 Sports Economics
- EC387 Health Economics
- EC436 Economics of Corporate Organization
- EC445 Economics of Risk and Uncertainty

Banking/Finance

- EC341 Money and Banking
- EC342 Money and Banking Theory
- EC392 International Finance
- EC436 Economics of Corporate Organization
- EC445 Economics of Risk & Uncertainty

Inequality

- EC320 Economics of Lower Developed Countries
- EC325 Poverty and Discrimination
- EC356 Economics of Labor Markets
- EC358 Economics of Education
- EC363 Race and the Development of the US Economy
- EC367 Economics of the Public Sector
- EC390 Gender Economics

Public Policy

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- EC325 Poverty and Discrimination
- EC358 Economics of Education
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- EC356 Economics of Labor Markets
- EC367 Economics of the Public Sector
- EC371 Environmental Economics
- EC387 Health Economics

Development Economics

- EC320 Economics of Lesser Developed Countries
- EC363 Race and the Development of the US Economy
- EC365 Topics in Economic History
- EC369 Economic Development of Latin America
- EC370 Chinese Economy
- EC391 International Trade

Labor Economics

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Economic Theory

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