

# EC 285 : INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL ECONOMY

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## Transcript title

Intro to Political Economy

## Credits

4

## Grading mode

Standard letter grades

## Total contact hours

40

## Lecture hours

40

## Prerequisites

EC 201 or EC 202.

## Recommended preparation

MTH 095 and WR 121.

## Course Description

Covers specific topics related to the United States economy from a systems/institutional perspective. Includes key institutions that make up the U.S. economy such as, corporations, government, the market system, labor unions, monetary and financial institutions, and others. Examines three problem areas: environmental degradation and resource depletion; social and political inequality; and economic instability. Introduces possible solutions based on institutional change and develops viable economic alternatives based on principles of environmental sustainability, equity and economic stability.

## Course learning outcomes

1. Demonstrate critical thinking and formulate independent and well considered conclusions about the salient features of a capitalist economy.
2. Explain different roles and perspectives of the key institutions that make up the US economy such as, corporations, government, and the individual.
3. Evaluate current public policy options including, but not restricted to, laws pertaining to carbon taxes, and economic stimulus programs intended to mitigate economic problems such as inequality, non-sustainability, resource depletion, and instability.
4. Utilize applicable economic information and literacy skills in written and oral communication.

## General education/Related instruction lists

- Social Science