ECONOMICS

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DESCRIPTION

Economics is the study of how societies allocate their scarce resources. It examines individual and social action related to the use of limited resources toward the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services. Economics students may complete two-year education programs, as well as transfer to four-year colleges and universities. Students may advance toward careers in both public and private sectors, and will actively engage in a wide range of economic, social and political processes.

Courses at PCC introduce students to economics and prepare students for transfer into upper division courses. The transfer sequence consists of EC 201 and EC 202. Students do not need to take EC 201 first. PCC also offers other economics courses, see the course section for individual courses and course prerequisites.

EC 201. Principles of Economics: Microeconomics. 4 Credits.
Introduces the principles of microeconomics. Enhances the ability to recognize and analyze economic problems in the United States. Covers the American microeconomic system, which includes a familiarization with the basis of the price system and resource allocation; the operation of the firm; market concentration; regulation and antitrust policies. Recommended: MTH 95. Prerequisites: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available. This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Social Sciences/AAS, Social Sciences/AGS, Social Sciences/ASOT-B.

EC 202. Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics. 4 Credits.
Covers the overall economy. Includes the basic reasons for and the problems of recession, inflation, and stagflation; the use of monetary, fiscal, and incomes policies; and other economic management tools. Recommended: MTH 95 and EC 201. Prerequisites: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available. This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Social Sciences/AAOT, Social Sciences/AS, Social Sciences/AAS, Social Sciences/AGS.

EC 216. Labor Markets: Economics of Gender, Race, and Work. 4 Credits.
Covers topics related to labor markets with emphasis on the economic status of women and their decisions about work and family. Includes recent developments in the labor market; the gender pay gap and women-men occupational differences; labor supply decisions; human capital theory; racial discrimination; economics of marriage and household decisions. Recommended: MTH 95. Prerequisites: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available. This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Social Sciences/AAS, Social Sciences/AGS, Social Sciences/ASOT-B.

EC 221. Globalization and International Relations. 4 Credits.
Provides an introductory survey of economic, political, social, and cultural dimensions of globalization and evaluates their impacts on international relations. Examines patterns of conflict and cooperation among countries including the influence of international institutions, NGOs, and global corporations. Introduces selected issues such as war and peace, global security, environment, elites and concentration of power, wealth and income distribution, cultural and ethnic identities and explores possible peaceful solutions to these global problems. PS 221, EC 221 and SOC 221 are equivalent and only one may be taken for credit. Prerequisites: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available. This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Social Sciences/AS, Social Sciences/AAS, Social Sciences/AGS, Social Sciences/ASOT-B, Social Sciences/AAOT.