

Economics Courses and Program at USF St. Petersburg

At the upper-division level, an Economics major needs to take 2 required courses and 5 Economics electives. There are nine upper-division Economics courses we plan to regularly offer at USFSP. Nothing's in stone, of course, but these are our plans as of today. The courses are:

ECP 3703	Managerial Economics
ECO 3203	Intermediate Macroeconomics
ECO 3703	International Economics
ECO 4704	International Trade and Policy
ECO 4713	International Macroeconomics
ECP 3201	Economics of Women and Work
ECP 3302	Environmental Economics
ECP 3530	Economics of Health
ECP 4430	Economics of Latin America

Each of these courses can play an important role in the major. The first two are required courses for Economics majors (ECO 3101 can substitute for Managerial Econ). The analysis and logic used in these courses are the basis of Economic thought. They are valuable not only to Economics students, but are also particularly useful for pre-law and pre-MBA students. We plan to offer both of these at least once a year.

The next three courses on the list, plus the last one, are all international courses. This is our main area of emphasis at USF-St.Pete. ECO 3703 and ECO 4704 are more microeconomic while ECO 4713 is, as the name implies, macroeconomic. ECP 4430, is a mixture. We're very excited to be able to offer this class; it seems that anyone working in Florida would be well served in knowing something about our largest trading partners. For COB majors, each of these can also double-count as part of an International Business (IB) minor. That means the IB minor comes at a pretty low cost. The rules are different for CAS majors—see you advisor for specifics. We offer ECO 3703 every semester and we plan to offer the other three on a three semester rotation, that is, in Spring 08, Fall 08, Spring 09, Fall 09, we have or will offer ECO 4704, ECO 4713, ECP 4430, ECO 4704 in turn.

ECP 3201 and ECP 3530 are each particularly important in the job market. In Florida, the health care industry is very big, so Economics of Health may give you a leg up in job interviews. The way Dr. Rick Smith teaches it makes it especially relevant. Economics of Women and Work, as the name implies, deals with many important workplace issues. Environmental Economics, is not only important for ESP majors, but is also increasingly important as environmentally awareness grows. This course matters more and more in both the business and governmental job markets. We are offering Environmental Econ and Health Econ in Spring 2009 while Economics of Women and Work is expected back in Spring 2010. We plan to offer these three courses about once every two to four semesters.

Finally, note that four of the nine courses can count as exit requirements (ECO 3703, ECP 3201, ECP 3302, and ECP 4430) and one, ECP 4430, also counts for the ALAMEA requirement. If you have any questions about any of these courses or the Economics major, feel free to talk to the instructor involved or Tom Carter, Economics Coordinator (cartert@stpt.usf.edu, 873-4893).