

ECON 2456 - ECONOMICS OF POVERTY

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Textbook: Schiller, B. The Economics of Poverty and Discrimination, 10/E, Pearson Education,
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Chapters: 1- 7, 13, 15 - 17

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Analysis of poverty and income maintenance programs: theories of income distribution and comparison of public policies in the U.S. and other countries

Prerequisite: ECON 1200 or both ECON 1201 and 1202.

MAIN TOPICS

1. Views of inequality and poverty.
2. Inequality.
3. Counting the poor.
4. Global poverty and inequality.
5. Labor force participation, opportunities for the poor.
6. The working poor.
7. Age and health, their relationship to poverty.
8. Welfare programs.
9. Employment policies.
10. Equal opportunity policies.
11. Discrimination in education and training. Reverse discrimination.
12. Prospects for the poor.

GRADING POLICY

Participation in classroom discussions	30%
(70% participation is required to receive full credit, up to 3 pts for higher score.)	
Tests	40%
Final examination	30%

Attendance policy

Lateness or absence in class for 30 min or more is considered as an absence; no credit for a current classwork will be given.