

Contemporary Business and Economics Issues

This course is aimed at those who want to explore and extend their understanding of inter-dependent global economies. In particular, the course addresses global financial, business and technological issues. Specific topics will include income inequality, free trade, the Trans Pacific Partnership, Brexit, economic decision making, economic policy formulation, tax policy, the impact of market restrictions, the value of education, drug prices and a variety of other economic concerns in the 21st century. The course is appropriate for students of all levels of economic sophistication.

The class will be a panel format. Students will be encouraged to participate and to lead sessions if they have a particular interest and expertise.

The text will be *The Economist*. Students should subscribe directly. A number of different subscriptions are available including a 12-week subscription for \$12 which provides both a print copy and digital access. This particular subscription has an automatic renewal so the students should be alert to cancelling at the completion of the class, if they do not want to maintain a subscription. The print version of *The Economist* is delivered between Thursday and Monday of the following week to subscribers in this area. Thus, having digital access may be helpful, but not essential. Subscriptions are available at <https://subscription.economist.com>.

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Mondays: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., 8 weeks: September 25 through November 13.

Location: PSRC