

Course Outline
ECON 121
Contemporary Economic Issues
3 Credit Hours

Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Contemporary Economic Issues

Discusses a special topic selected for its contemporary significance such as environmental pollution, poverty, unemployment, inflation, government's economic role, big business and the consumer, the farm problem, and urban economics; generally targets non-business majors.

Prerequisite: ACLT 052 or ACLT 053; MATH 081

Overall Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Discuss several major contemporary economic problems.
2. Apply basic economic analysis to each of the problems in (1).
3. Relate the analytical conclusions in (2) to the social policy debates in which the problems entailed are discussed today.

Major Topics

Topics vary according to special concentration determined for each individual occurrence of the course.

Course Requirements (List only those requirements that will be common to all sections of the course)

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member, but will include the following:

1. The equivalent of 10 pages of writing in the form of reaction papers, term papers, and/or other papers on designated subjects.
2. At least one 15 minute oral report and oral presentation.
3. At least one exam (mid-term or final) with an essay component.
4. Class participation will constitute a significant percent of a student's grade.
5. At least one assignment will require students to use the Internet.