

# ECO 212 LEC A

## *Current Economic Problems*

This course introduces, applies, and interrogates the economic approach to addressing social problems. Economics provides a framework to understand human and social behavior, how resources are produced and distributed, and how individuals and institutions respond to changes in circumstances. How can this framework be applied to solve social problems?

The course begins by exploring the virtues and limits of markets to promote the social good. We then cover how the economic approach can help to understand and address a series of specific social problems, including poverty, discrimination, and climate change.

The course is designed for students from any field of study who are interested in learning about addressing social problems from an economic perspective. The material assumes no previous familiarity with economics.



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