

Econ 3090

The Economics of Gender and Race

This course relies on basic supply and demand theory, along with simple data analyses, to examine the historical evolution in the United States in individuals' roles within their families and their involvement in paid work, including discussion of differences in these social changes by race and educational attainment. Additionally, this course provides insight into the role that government policy and other societal factors have played in these trends.

This course is for YOU if you are interested in learning how:

- changes in marriage and fertility interact with changing employment patterns for individuals across marital and parenthood status
- economists talk about employment, wage, and wealth disparities by gender and race
- single parents and dual career professional couples balance work and family
- our nation's past with regard to the status of different individuals and groups is related to our present
- state and federal governments affect decisions and outcomes regarding marriage, fertility and employment
- to apply traditional economic theory in new ways, with a focus on the objective "economics way of thinking" that helps us discern science and fact from opinion and fiction



- Taught via different course structures across the year, including fully in-person, hybrid (with once weekly in-class sessions), and asynchronous online. It is unique in its use of supplemental readings and partner activities that bring the theory to life.
- This course is accessible and relevant for all students given that its subject matter deals with real-life issues that we all confront in our paid work and family lives. Students will gain a better understanding of the complex and evolving interrelationship between the workforce and family obligations. Additionally, students will glean, through the lens of economic history, how our nation's present is linked to our past.
- **Meets WES Level 2 Societies and Cultures requirement. Also WES Diversity and Inclusion requirement.**
- The course prerequisite (Econ 2010, Principles of Microeconomics) may be waived for some students with instructor approval.



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