

Econ 1080

Global Economic Challenges and Trends

How do global markets shape the choices we make every day? Why do some countries thrive in trade while others struggle? This course provides an accessible introduction to international economic issues that impact our world. Designed for students with no prior background in economics, it explores key topics such as global trade, outsourcing, employment, immigration, environmental challenges, and the power of multinational corporations.

In this course, you will:

- Understand basic economic principles and their application to global issues.
- Analyze key global economic trends and their impacts.
- Discuss the roles of governments, institutions, and markets in economic challenges.
- Develop critical thinking skills to evaluate economic policies and current events.
- Evaluate the impact of global economic policies on different countries and communities, considering both short-term and long-term consequences.
- Develop the ability to critically analyze current global economic issues using economic reasoning and evidence-based approaches



- Students interested in economics, business, politics, or international affairs who want a big-picture understanding of how global markets shape our world should take this course.
- **This course satisfies WMU Essential Studies Level 2: Exploration and Discovery in the Societies and Culture category**
- **Prerequisite: None**



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