ECON 121

Contemporary Economic Issues

3 Credits

Community College of Baltimore County Common Course Outline

Description

ECON 121 – 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.

Pre-requisites: ACLT 052 or ACLT 053; MATH 081

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Discuss several major contemporary economic problems;
- 2. Apply basic economic analysis to each of the problems in (1); and
- 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

Grading will be determined by the individual faculty member, but shall include the following, at minimum:

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

Written assignments and research projects: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources in their research and cite sources according to the style selected by their professor.

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