

Course Number

ECO-381-01

Course Description

Students will read and discuss the emerging literature on the economics of culture, become familiar with commonly used sources of data on cultural values and beliefs, and address the empirical challenges of using this data to evaluate economic theories of culture. Topics will include 1) the measurement of cultural values, 2) theories of socialization, 3) religion and economic outcomes, 4) cultural beliefs, attitudes toward government redistribution and the welfare state, 5) culture as informal institutions: trade and exchange in the absence of law, management of collective goods, and informal risk-sharing arrangements, 6) family and kinship networks as economic institutions, 7) the economic role of trust, 8) trust, social capital and political institutions, 9) immigration and theories of acculturation, 10) cultural values and institutional quality. Students will conduct a significant independent research project on the economics of culture.

Academic Term

21/SP

Instructor

Davis, Lewis

Location & Meeting Time

Karp Hall-005+ T/TH 11:25AM-01:10PM LEC

Credits

1.00

Capacity

15

Total Students

17

Additional Information

<http://www.union.edu/PUBLIC/ECODEPT/index.html>

Common Curriculum

SOCS Social Science

WAC Writing Across Curriculum

Interdisciplinary Programs

Gender/Sexuality/Women's St

Academic Department

Economics

Field Of Study

Economics (ECO)