

WINTER 2010: Two Special Topics Courses in Economics

ECON3991A (3CR)

Crisis, Climate, and Income Distribution

This course will examine three of the dominant issues facing society today: the financial crisis and its aftermath; the economics of climate change and climate change policy; and changes in income distribution, especially the growth in the share of total income going to the richest members of society.

Instructor: Frank Strain

Prereq : ECON1001 and ECON1011

Winter Term 2010, MWF 12 :30 – 1 :30pm, BARC311

ECON3991B (3CR)

Behavioural and Experimental Economics

Behavioural economics studies the role of emotional factors in human socioeconomic behavior. This field was born when one of the building blocks of neo-classical economic theory, the assumption of rationality, was challenged by repeated empirical observations in other behavioural fields, such as psychology and neuroscience. Experimental economics is in turn the application of experimental methods to the study of human socioeconomic behaviour. The first objective of this course is to build a bridge between economics and psychology by studying the basis of human behaviour in relation to cooperation, trust, and risk. The second objective of this course is to introduce students to the methodology of economic experiments which differs from the methodology used in psychology.

Instructor: Maryam Dilmaghani

Prereq : ECON1001 and ECON1011

Winter Term 2010, MWF 3:30 – 4:20pm, AVDX118