ECN/PST 295 Foundations of Policy Analysis

This course explores principles of policy making, with applications. It develops a theoretical rationale for policy, based on theory of market failure and motivational/agency dimensions. It proceeds to investigate institutional context and processes relevant to policy making, using case studies. With this foundation, the course will examine specific policy problems and solutions related to important problem areas such as economic growth, health care, monetary policy, education, and environment. Students will be encouraged to explore policy areas of interest for case studies and papers. Prerequisites: second-year standing and either ECN 111 or POL 101.

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Note the prerequisite. The printed spring 2008-2009 preregistration schedule unfortunately shows an older course description which does not list the prerequisites correctly. The Registrar’s web page (under Registration Information, then Descriptions 2009) does have the new description with the correct prerequisites.