

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS & ECONOMICS
Fall 2007 Course Timetable

PPE -036 LAW & ECONOMICS
DIST CRS SOCIETY - CL OF 09 AND PRIOR
MW 2-3:30PM STAFF
CROSS LISTED: ECON-036

Prerequisite(s): ECON 001 and 002. Credit cannot be received for both ECON 036 and 234.

The relationship of economic principles to law and the use of economic analysis to study legal problems. Topics will include: property rights and intellectual property; analysis of antitrust and economic analysis of legal decision making.

PPE -101 NATURE OF REASONING
MWF 3-4PM SILLARI G

The Course explores inductive and deductive reasoning principles, as well as the common biases and mistakes that mar individual reasoning processes. The course will also explore practical reasoning -- i.e. decision-making -- both from normative and descriptive viewpoints.

PPE -110 INTRO TO DECISION THEORY
FORMAL REASONING COURSE - ALL CLASSES
GEN REQ IV: FRML REAS - CL OF 09 & PRIOR
LEC TR 4:30-6PM SEN S

The course will provide an introduction to models of human decision making. One of the primary purposes of the course is to provide a set of basic tools that will help the student translate qualitative uncertainty into numbers. A substantial amount of the course will deal with the theory of rational choice in the presence of objective and subjective uncertainty. Rational choice under uncertainty is by far the most used theory of decision making, and its applications are widespread in economics, finance, political science, law, managerial decision making, the economics of health care, and artificial intelligence.

PPE -160 BEHAVIORAL ECON & PSYCH
LEC TR 3-4:30PM DANA J
CROSS LISTED: PSYC-165

PPE -180 ANAL METH ECON, LAW MED
FORMAL REASONING COURSE - ALL CLASSES
GEN REQ IV: FRML REAS - CL OF 09 & PRIOR
TR 12-1:30PM GERSTENHABER M
CROSS LISTED: MATH-180

Elementary applications of decision analysis, game theory, probability and statistics to issues in accounting, contracting, finance, law, and medicine, amongst others.

PPE -210 CORP RESP AND ETHICS
MW 10:30-12NOON SARACHAN R
MW 12-1:30PM STRUDLER A
MW 1:30-3PM SANDBU M
TR 10:30-12NOON RADIN T
TR 1:30-3PM LAUFER W
TR 3-4:30PM RADIN T
CROSS-LISTED LGST 210

This course explores business responsibility from rival theoretical and managerial perspectives. Its focus includes theories of ethics and their application to case studies in business. Topics include moral issues in advertising and sales; hiring and promotion; financial management; corporate pollution; product safety; and decision-making across borders and cultures.

PPE -270 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
LEC MW 11-12NOON SMITH R
CROSS LISTED: PSCI-271

This course explores the role of the U.S. Supreme Court in political struggles over the distribution and uses of power in the US constitutional system. Issues include the division of powers between the state and national governments, and the branches of the federal government; economic powers of private actors and governmental regulators; the authority of government to enforce or transform racial and gender hierarchies; and the powers of individuals to make basic choices, such as a woman's power to have an abortion. We will pay special attention to how the tasks of justifying the Supreme Court's own power, and constitutionalism more broadly, contribute to logically debatable but politically powerful constitutional arguments. Readings include Supreme Court decisions and background materials on their historical and political context.

PPE -299 INDEPENDENT STUDY SEN S

PPE -301 DIRECTED HONORS RESEARCH SEN S
PERMISSION NEEDED FROM DEPARTMENT

PPE -417 GAME THEORY
SEM TR 1:30-3PM BICCHIERI C
CROSS LISTED: PHIL-417

The course will introduce students to non-cooperative game theory and experimental games. The first part of the course will focus on the basic elements of non-cooperative game theory. The second part will cover the experimental literature on social dilemmas, trust and ultimatum games. The format will consist of lectures, student presentations, and discussions.

PPE -421 PHILOSOPHY OF BIOLOGY
SEM TR 10:30-12NOON WEISBERG M
CROSS LISTED: PHIL-421

PPE -475 S/T BEH.LAW & ECONOMICS
MW 2-3:30PM BARON J
CROSS LISTED: PSYC-253

Economic theory has invaded legal scholarship and law schools, in the form of "Law and Economics". But the psychology of judgments and decisions has invaded economic theory, showing that people do not follow the classic model of economic rationality. Many legal scholars, such as Cass Sunstein, claim to have started a new field called "Behavioral Law and Economics", which explores the implications of psychology for legal theory. This seminar will review basic readings in law and economics and then the recent literature on the relevance of psychology. Topics include risk regulation, liability, and regulation of political behavior.

PPE -475 EQUALITY AND DISTRIB JUSTICE
TR 1:30-3PM PERRY S
PERMISSION NEEDED FROM INSTRUCTOR

Our central concern in this course will be with the concept of equality as it figures in modern theories of distributive justice. We will also be considering the question of whether or not there is, as has sometimes been claimed, an unavoidable tension between the ideals of equality and liberty. We will begin with an overview of John Rawls' landmark theory of justice. We will then consider the various normative and conceptual forms that egalitarianism can assume, taking as our point of departure work by Derek Parfit, Amartya Sen, and Ronald Dworkin. Next we will read an excerpt from Robert Nozick's *Anarchy State and Utopia*, which sets out the libertarian challenge to equality: Egalitarian and other patterned theories of distributive justice are, according to Nozick, incompatible with individual liberty. We will examine the so-called "luck-egalitarian" response to Nozick, focusing in particular on work by Dworkin and G.A. Cohen, and we will also consider critiques of luck-egalitarianism that have been advanced by Elizabeth Anderson and Samuel Scheffler. Finally, we will read excerpts from Cohen's book *Self-Ownership, Freedom and Equality*, in which Cohen offers an internal critique of Nozick's libertarian challenge.

PPE 475 PSCI 418 O'Leary
PERMISSION NEEDED FROM INSTRUCTOR

The Politics of Contemporary Iraq

PPE -499 ADVANCED RESEARCH SEN
PERMISSION NEEDED FROM INSTRUCTOR