ECON 245 - ECONOMICS OF POVERTY

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Chapters: 1- 7, 13, 15 - 17

COURSE OBJECTIVES
Analysis of poverty and income maintenance programs: theories of income distribution and comparison of public policies in the U.S. and other countries

Prerequisite: ECON 1200 or both ECON 1201 and 1202.

MAIN TOPICS
1. Views of inequality and poverty.  
2. Inequality.  
3. Counting the poor.  
5. Labor force participation, opportunities for the poor.  
6. The working poor.  
7. Age and health, their relationship to poverty.  
8. Welfare programs.  
10. Equal opportunity policies.  

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