

## GE CRITERIA APPROVAL FORM

Course Number and Title: ECON 111 Principles of Macroeconomics

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**Indicate which of the following categories would be satisfied by this course by marking an "X" on the appropriate lines.** Courses may be placed in up to two GE categories as appropriate. Upper Division Interdisciplinary GE courses may be placed in two categories plus the UDIGE category.

	A1: Oral Communication
	A2: English Writing
	A3: Critical Thinking
	B1: Physical Sciences
	B2: Life Sciences
	B3: Mathematics
	B4: Computers and Technology
	C1: Fine Arts
	C2: Literature
	C3: Languages & Cultures
X	D: Social Perspectives
	E: Human Psychological & Physiological Perspectives
	Upper Division Interdisciplinary GE

Lab Included? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief explanation of how the proposed course meets each of the criteria for the selected General Education categories.

ECON 111 is a valuable introduction to the methodological and concerns of the social sciences and economics in particular. It surveys the scope of our discipline and identifies the broad intellectual and public policy issues which occupy the attention of most of our discipline. The course uses the scientific method to study economic behavior and institutions within which that behavior occurs, and builds skills in critical thinking.

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- explain the workings of the national economy
- describe and apply the scientific method to macroeconomic behavior and the institutions within which that behavior occurs
- measure aggregate levels of economic activity
- describe the problems of unemployment and inflation
- evaluate the costs and benefits of alternative forms of public policy

Hence we feel that this course meets each of the criteria in GE category D.