

## Econ 3000-001 Current Economic Issues: **Economics of Everything**



- *No prerequisites required*
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Most people think that economics is either about unemployment, inflation, and the stock market, or it is about greedy corporations owning everything. In fact, while economics can indeed help understand these topics, it is about a whole lot more than that.

In this course, you will learn the basics of economics through applying economics ideas to problems such as:

- How food banks can set up pseudo-markets to better allocated the food they have.
- The economics of dating, sex, marriage, and divorce.
- Traffic jams and why parking lots are killing our cities.
- Hurricanes and why you should love price gouging.
- Why there are no “best” places to live, except for you!
- How “BOGO” pricing works to separate you from more of your money.
- Solving pollution, the cheapest way possible.
- Want to do something truly altruistic, burn a \$20 bill!

After you learn the basic economists’ theoretical toolkit, you will get to choose a topic to investigate on your own. Climate change? Gentrification? Income inequality? Whatever policy question is on your mind, you’ll spend some time getting to the bottom of it all.