

ECON 1503C - CE Rich and Poor

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 42751,

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Course Description

1503C. CE Rich and Poor: Diversity and Disparity in the United States Workplace. Examines how labor markets determine the distribution of income and the dramatic changes in the composition of the American labor force. Explores such issues as the widening gap between low and upper income groups, the characteristics of the poor, affirmative action, the glass ceiling, the mommy track, and family-friendly working environments. Not applicable towards a major or minor in economics. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Optional	The Economics of Poverty and Discrimination	Bradley R. Schiller	

This textbook is optional; it is not required for the course.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Chapter 1	Views of Inequality & Poverty	Discussion & Assignment. Sunday, August 30th by 11:59pm
8/31	Chapter 2	Inequality	Discussion & Assignment. Sunday, September 6th by 11:59pm
9/7	Chapter 3	Counting the Poor	Discussion & Assignment. Sunday, September 13th by 11:59pm
9/14	Chapter 4	Global Poverty	Discussion & Assignment. Due Sunday, September 20th by 11:59pm
9/21	Chapter 5	The Labor Market	Discussion. Sunday, September 27th by 11:59pm
9/28	Chapter 6	The Working Poor	Discussion, Exam, & Assignment. Sunday, October 4th by 11:59pm
10/5	Chapter 7	Poverty Among Seniors	Discussion & Assignment. Sunday, October 11th by 11:59pm
10/12	Chapter 8	Family Size and Structure	Discussion & Assignment. Sunday, October 18th by 11:59pm
10/19	Chapter 9	The Underclass	Discussion & Assignment. Sunday, October 25th by 11:59pm

10/26	Chapter 10	Education & Ability	Discussion & Assignment. Sunday, November 1st by 11:59pm
11/2	Chapter 11	Discrimination in Education	Discussion & Exam. Sunday, November 8th by 11:59pm
11/9	Chapter 12	Discrimination in the Labor Market	Discussion. Sunday, November 15th by 11:59pm
11/16	Chapter 13	Welfare Programs	Discussion. Sunday, November 22nd by 11:59pm
11/23	Chapter 14	Social Insurance Programs	Discussion. Sunday, November 29th by 11:59pm
11/30	Chapter 15	Employment Policies	Discussion. Sunday, December 6th by 11:59pm
12/7			Exam. Thursday, December 10th by 11:59pm

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