Introductory Course Options

We encourage most first-year students who are interested in economics to take an introductory micro course in the fall and an introductory macro and/or introductory data course in the spring. Students have multiple options for introductory micro and macro in both semesters.

Introductory micro is offered in three formats:

- Econ 115 is a large lecture class.
- Econ 110 covers the same topics but is taught in smaller sections that are only open to first year students and sophomores. This class is restricted by lottery.
- Econ 108 is intended for students with limited or no experience in calculus. It places greater emphasis on quantitative methods and examples.

FALL 2020: ECON 110 IS NOT OFFERED. YOU MAY TAKE EITHER ECON 108 OR ECON 115 FOR INTRODUCTORY MICRO.

Introductory macro is offered in two formats:

- Econ 116 is a large lecture class.
- Econ 111 is similar in spirit to Econ 110. It covers the same topics as 116 but is taught in smaller sections that are limited to first year students and sophomores and are restricted by lottery.

FALL 2020: ECON 111 IS NOT OFFERED. YOU MAY TAKE ECON 116 FOR INTRODUCTORY MACRO.

First-year students and sophomores interested in taking Econ 108, in fall 2020 must preregister between 9:00 am on Friday, August 7, and 6:00 pm Monday, August 12, 2020. Click here for Econ 108.

Because there are a limited number of slots in these courses, places will be assigned randomly to a subset of those that preregister. Assignments will be available on the preregistration site after 5:00 pm on Monday, August 17, 2020. The students who receive an assignment through the lottery have to attend the first two classes in order to be allowed to register. In case a student does not attend, the lottery assignment will be revoked and his/her place will be made available to another student. The final assignments for each section will be announced on Monday, September 7, 2020.

Introductory data analysis and econometrics:

- Econ 117 is a an unlimited enrollment large lecture class offered in both semesters. Given its emphasis on data analysis, the department recommends that even students who have taken statistics in high school should start their Yale econometrics training with 117. Students do not need a programming background to take econ 117.

- Please see the New Econometrics Courses webpage for more information
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