

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## WS 305: The Economics of Poverty, Discrimination, and Inequality

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 07 - Human Diversity

An examination of poverty, discrimination, and income inequality among diverse populations in the United States. Topics include causes of poverty, economics of discrimination in terms of majority and minority groups, and historical perspective of ethnic minorities. Same as ECON 305. MnTC Goal 7.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 08/24/2009 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Develop an understanding of how economists develop theory, interpret data, and advocate policy interventions.
2. Develop an understanding of the causes of poverty, the economics of discrimination in terms of majority and minority groups, and the historical perspective of ethnic/racial minorities.
3. Develop an understanding of the interplay between poverty, discrimination and inequality from the economist's viewpoint.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 07 - Human Diversity

1. Understand the development of and the changing meanings of group identities in the United States' history and culture.
2. Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.
3. Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry.
4. Describe and discuss the experience and contributions (political, social, economic, etc.) of the many groups that shape American society and culture, in particular those groups that have suffered discrimination and exclusion.

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted