

## **CASA-Chile**

### **SAMPLE ECONOMICS COURSES**

**Students interested in enrolling at Pontificia Universidad Católica may find the following courses particularly interesting:**

#### **Economic Development in Latin America (EAE283A)**

*Desarrollo Económico en América Latina* is a graduate course on Latin American economic development, its structural characteristics, recent reforms and current challenges in economic policy. It focuses on the application of the macroeconomic analysis to real world cases. A goal for this class is that students develop the ability to understand the policy options and consequences that economic policy makers face. This course requires a basic understanding of intermediate macroeconomics and has been successfully completed by a number of Harvard undergraduate economic concentrators. Professor Felipe Larraín has a doctorate from Harvard University in Economics and was the Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professor at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government from 1997-2000.

#### **International Economy (EAE240A)**

*Economía Internacional* works to help students understand and analyze the fundamental variables of international economy theory and the effects of these policies, as well as to analyze the fundamental variables of international economy's monetary theory and the effect of these policies in the Latin American context. This course is conducted by Professor Fernando Ossa who holds a doctorate in Economics from Cornell University.

#### **Economy of Natural Resources (EAE295B)**

*Economía de los Recursos Naturales* provides students with the tools to apply microeconomic analysis to questions regarding the use of the environment and natural resources. A theoretical and analytic framework allows students to analyze several real world environmental issues and policy questions, both in the Chilean and in the international context. There is a special focus on decision making, policy design, economic value of natural resources, and environmental impact. This class is taught by Professor María Soledad Valenzuela, Ph.D. in Agricultural Economy and Natural Resources from University of Alcalá in Spain.

#### **Latin America in the 20th Century (ICP2001)**

*América Latina en el Siglo XX* examines a series of critical moments and issues in 20th century Latin America through different lenses, including economics and politics. The class is taught by Matías Tagle Domínguez, who holds a doctorate in Historical Sciences from the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium.

#### **Economics and Game Theory (EAE209E)**

*Economía y Teoría de Juegos* applies game theory to everything from politics to movies, and from business to dating in the Latin American context! Taught by Business School professor Marcos Singer, it requires basic calculus. Professor Singer holds a Ph.D. in Operations Research and an MA in Engineering Sciences and Computing from Columbia University.

**Students interested in enrolling at the Universidad de Chile (UCH) may find the following courses particularly interesting:**

**Applied Economic Policy (EAME910)**

*Política Económica Aplicada* addresses Latin America's major macroeconomic challenges, as well as development and income distribution issues in Chile and Latin America since 1982. This course integrates theoretical topics and applies them to the core economic challenges confronting Chile. This course focuses on the transition from the "problem" to the "solution." The course is taught by Professor Joseph Ramos, the Department chair of the Economics Department, who holds a doctorate in Economics from Columbia University.

**The Economics of Social Policies (MA-659/01- ME-659/01)**

*Economía de las Políticas Sociales* examines the basis for and policies related to poverty alleviation and the reduction of the income gap. In this course, the factors and measures of poverty and wealth distribution will be discussed in the Latin American context, including an analysis of the two main policy areas that have an impact on equity objectives: education and health. This class is taught by University of Chile's Vice Dean of Economics, Osvaldo Larrañaga, an expert on poverty policy.

**Economic Development (EAME 920)**

*Desarrollo Económico* provides students with the basic theoretical foundations of the current debate on economic development in Latin America, with special emphasis on the Chilean case. The course is taught by two leading Chilean economic authorities: Ricardo Ffrench Davis, the author of a history of the last 40 years of economic policy in Chile and former head of research at Chile's Central Bank; and Jorge Katz, a Latin American expert on innovation and technological change. In the course, Professor Ffrench-Davis emphasizes macro issues, while Prof. Katz focuses on micro issues.