

Economics for Labor and Community Leadership

LABST 13 - ECONOMICS FOR LABOR AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Days & Times: **Thursdays** 6:00PM - 9:20 PM Room: Building A, Room 140

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Meeting Dates: 2/4/2009 - 5/27/2009

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All Labor Studies Courses: [Laney College Catalog 2009-2011](#) (p.247)

Economics for Labor & Community Leadership provides a “user’s guide” to the U.S. economy.

Students should take this course who want to better understand how the system works and what it will take to make it more equitable and just.

- This course combines political economy, history and philosophy with a practical analysis of “nuts and bolts” economic issues and challenges facing working people.
- *Students will learn how things got to be the way they are, whether they need to be that way, and how they might be changed.*



The instructor will utilize reading assignments, lecture, class discussion, guest speakers and videos to help students tackle issues such as the present economic crisis, the mortgage crisis, the financial system, inequality, unemployment and poverty, Social Security and health care reform, globalization and trade, fiscal and monetary policy, tax reform, budget deficits and debt, and other contemporary topics. Students will learn the facts behind the headlines and how to decipher news about the economy.

This is not a math course. It provides a practical non-technical introduction to economics and a foundation for further study in economics, social and political science, sociology and philosophy. Union activists, officers and staff should find it especially useful.

Michael Eisenscher is a veteran labor organizer, educator and social justice activist. He received his B.A. in Labor Studies from San Francisco State University and a Master’s degree in Public Policy from the University of Massachusetts-Boston. He has taught in the Labor Studies Program at Laney College since 2003. His articles about the labor movement have appeared in many periodicals and labor anthologies. He is also National Coordinator of U.S. Labor Against the War.



If the system isn’t working for you,
maybe you need to better understand how it works in order to change it.