Econ 3090
Women and the Economy

This course relies on traditional microeconomic theory to analyze the historical evolution in the United States in both women’s roles in families and their involvement in paid work. The course includes discussion of differences in these social changes by race and educational attainment and provides insight into the role that government policy and other societal factors have played in these trends.

**This course is for YOU if you are interested in:**

- Learning how to apply traditional economic theory in new ways
- Learning about how single parents and dual career professional couples balance work and family
- Learning how changes in marriage and fertility interact with changing employment patterns for women and parents
- Learning how economists talk about the gender wage gap.
- Learning how state and federal governments may affect decisions regarding marriage, fertility and employment
- Learning how to discern the strengths and weaknesses of empirical research, all of which aid in distinguishing science and fact from opinion and fiction.

• This course is taught as a hybrid course, with in-class meetings mostly once a week, supplemented with out-of-class work that relies on supplemental readings. This course is unique in its use of supplemental readings designed to strengthen the link between the theory and the real world.

• This course is relevant for all students but should be of particular interest for economics majors and for business majors who hope to understand the complex and evolving interrelationship between the workforce and family obligations for both men and women. It also is relevant and accessible for students in Sociology, Anthropology, and Gender and Women Studies.