



**Department of Economics
National University of Ireland, Galway**

B.A. (Public and Social Policy) Programme Course Descriptions

FIRST YEAR

Semester 1

EC135 Principles of Microeconomics

The objective of this course is to introduce the basic concepts and principles of economic theory, and to illustrate how these principles can be used to analyse various issues and problems in everyday life. The following will be covered: Microeconomics: decision making of individual households and firms, markets for goods and factors of production. Various topics will be analysed using microeconomic theory.

EC106 Introduction to Research in Public and Social Policy

This course provides an introduction to important research methods that are widely used in economics, law, political science and sociology. The methods covered still include quantitative techniques, qualitative analysis, writing skills, basic statistics, data sources, computer applications, and legal methods.

Semester 2

EC136 Principles of Macroeconomics

The objective of this course is to introduce the basic concepts and principles of economic theory, and to illustrate how these principles can be used to analyse various issues and problems in everyday life. The following will be covered: Macroeconomics: national income accounting, models of the macroeconomy, applied economics. Various topics will be analysed using macroeconomic theory.

All Year

EC137 Economics Coursework

The course consists of tutorial attendance, application of economic techniques, continuous assessment in economics and completion of assignments as prescribed by lecturers during the year. This course requires students to attend lectures in Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics.

