The interdisciplinary course will provide background on poverty statistics, theories and evidence on the causes and consequences of poverty, and the history and efficacy of major anti-poverty programs in the United States.

Course content will include both qualitative and quantitative aspects of poverty-related research. The primary instructor will be economics professor and Center co-director Marianne Page, but the course will also include a variety of interdisciplinary guest lecturers by UCD faculty affiliated with other department, and invited speakers from outside the University.