

Economics Course Outline

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The study of economics will have a significant impact on the lives of students. Throughout their lives, students will encounter various economic concepts, principals and issues. From personal income and property taxes to automobile loans to retirement investments, students will need to apply the basic economic theories and skills examined in this half-year course. Economics will survey topics such as supply and demand, opportunity costs, business cycle, resources, scarcity and growth. Students will analyze local, state, national and international economic questions and issues. Current events are essential to success in this course. Students will be expected to read the newspaper, use the internet and watch the news to keep up with class discussions.

Students will also learn about global issues like inflation, unemployment, welfare and population movements. For each problem, students will seek to identify how the problem affects the public and how the develop the basic economic tools of analysis needed to understand the problem and its potential solutions.

Moodle:

This course can be found on Moodle. All of the notes/power points and assignments can be found here. If a student ever needs a copy of an assignment or project, it can be found here. It is a useful tool that students should use during the course of the semester. The enrollment key for Moodle is **money**.

Supplies:

All students will need the following in class everyday:

- A pen and pencil
- A single subject notebook or binder
- A folder to keep handouts
- Assignment pad or school planner
- There may be other supplies required during the semester as we get into projects and presentations

Grading Policy:

How is my overall grade for the course calculated?

- Quarter 1 grade = 40%
- Quarter 2 grade =40% 100%
- Final Exam grade =20%

How is my quarter grade calculated at the end of each quarter?

- Tests/Projects 45%
- Quizzes 30%
- Homework/Classwork 10%
- Performance Assessment 15% 100%

Homework:

Homework is assigned to enhance the student’s coursework and will be given on an as-needed basis. Please make sure to put your name, date, class period and homework number on the paper. If there is no name, there is no grade.

Students are responsible for all homework/classwork assignments missed due to an absence from class. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the missed assignment and hand it in. All notes and assignments are posted on Moodle. Assignments are also posted on the portal. Please check the portal frequently for any work assigned. The key to getting on the Moodle page is [money](#). Please use this for any information about the course.

One major policy with regards to homework. You CANNOT hand in work late. You must have your homework on the day it is due. Homework is not given every night so when it is assigned, it is expected that it will be done. Students will receive a zero for any missed work. You can hand in a missed assignment by the end of the day to get credit. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out if you are missing any work or assessments.

Projects: There will be a project each quarter. This project can be done in a group or individually. There will be more information as the semester progresses.

Current Events: Students must know what is going on in the world. They may be asked to find current economic issues relevant to the topics being discussed in the classroom.

Attendance:

All students are expected to be in class everyday. It is extremely important to attend so you do not fall behind. Unexcused absences will not be tolerated and will seriously affect your grade. Lateness will also not be tolerated. Attendance is in accordance with the school district policies. Three latenesses to class equals a cut and will result in a detention.

Extra Help:

Extra Help is always available when needed. Please see me if you do not understand something.

Class Conduct:

All students are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner in the classroom. The following rules apply to all students:

- Everyone will be respectful and courteous to their fellow classmates
- Positive participation is both welcomed and encouraged
- Disruptive behavior WILL NOT be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action
- Absolutely NO derogatory or foul language in class!
- Do not interrupt when others are speaking. Raise your hand when asking a question.
- All electronic devices must be off and out of sight while in class. If seen, they will be taken.

Good luck this semester!