

Economics Syllabus

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Conference Periods: 1st & 2nd M-F
Tutoring Availability: Every weekday by appointment

Course Description

This course provides the student with a basic understanding of America's economic system. The focus of the course is on the fundamental concepts of free enterprise, supply and demand, business cycles, economic measurements, fiscal and monetary policy, and international trade. Current economic topics on both national and global levels are discussed throughout the semester. The units will break down as follows:

1st/ 3rd Nine Weeks

Unit 1 Introduction to Economics
Unit 2 How Markets Work
Unit 3 Business and Labor

2nd/ 4th Nine Weeks

Unit 4 Money, Banking, and Finance
Unit 5 Measuring Economic Performances
Unit 6 Government and the Economy

Textbook

Clayton, Gary E. *Economics*. Columbus, OH: McGraw-Hill Education, 2016.

Required Materials

Pen, pencil, and paper EVERY DAY.
A separate notebook or spiral for Economics.
iPad & Clam case fully charged.

Grading Policy:

- Homework: depending on unit and test schedules, students will likely have between one and two homework assignments a week. Unfinished class work may also need to be finished at home.
- Tests: Each unit will have a test. Tests will be announced 3 days in advance. Students will be provided with a review. They will not be able to use any materials on an exam or test.
- Quizzes: Students will have multiple quizzes each nine weeks and will be allowed to use their notes. These will count as a major grade.
- NOTICE: if a student is absent on test day, they will retake it the first day they return.
- Reading checks: We will occasionally have assigned reading and will be checked the following day over it. Reading checks are daily grades.
- Unit projects will be done, and are to be completed in timely manner, with all members of group participating.

HONOR CODE

At the University level, students are permanently expelled for this offense, and other colleges and universities will refuse your entry. I take this subject **very** seriously. For further information on cheating, see the Student Handbook, as I will be adhering to Westlake H.S. school policies. **DO NOT BREAK THE CODE**

Class Rules & Procedures

All information not explicitly outlined here falls under general Westlake H.S. policy as outlined in the Student Handbook.

Tardies: Please be in the class and in your seat so that you are not counted tardy. Tardies will be used to determine final exam exemptions.

Substitutes: In the event of a substitute, it will be your responsibility to behave in line with all class expectations. Substitutes are guest in our classroom and should be treated as such, with respect and kindness.

Reading: Virtually all reading will be done in class. Outside reading will take place, but rarely.

Assignments: Assignments are due during class on the date assigned. Failure to turn in a major assignment can seriously affect your grade. All honest attempts are rewarded. Always try. It is better to turn in something that shows you tried than to turn in nothing at all.

Incomplete/Late Work: Will be accepted but with an automatic deduction of 20 points.

Absences: If a student is absent the day an assignment is due, it will be due when the student returns. Absent students are responsible for missed work or information covered in class. Help out your fellow classmates to keep them up to date. If gone for an unexpected, prolonged period, you have the amount of time you were absent plus one day to turn in any missed work. If you have any planned or school-related absences, it is your responsibility to check with me beforehand to get any work and stay up to date. All work due during a planned absence will be due upon your return.

Grades: Will be posted as promptly as possible. Stay on top of your grades so that you are not surprised by the end of a grading period.

Grading Policy

- Major Grades: **60%**
 - Unit Exams, Projects
- Formative Assessments: **30%**
 - Quizzes, Vocabulary Quizzes
- Daily Work: **10%**
 - Homework, Daily Assignments

Final Exam & Overall Grade

- There will be a final exam at the end of the semester that will count as 20% of the overall semester grade.
- The two previous semesters will each count as 40% of the overall semester grade.