

Economics

Course Overview and Syllabus

Course Number: SS3314

Grade level: 9–12

Prerequisite Courses: None

Credits: 0.5

Course Description

This semester-long course invites students to broaden their understanding of how economic concepts apply to their everyday lives—including microeconomic and macroeconomic theory and the characteristics of mixed-market economies, the role of government in a free enterprise system and the global economy, and personal finance strategies. Throughout the course, students apply critical thinking skills while making practical economic choices. Students also master literacy skills through rigorous reading and writing activities. Students analyze data and write routinely and responsively in tasks and assignments that are based on scenarios, texts, activities, and examples. In more extensive, process-based writing lessons, students write full-length essays in informative and argumentative formats.

Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Investigate fundamental economic principles, and explore their impact on economic choices.
- Examine the effects of economic regulations and limitations established by governments.
- Discover how your economic choices are tied to the global economy.
- Apply economic concepts and theories to everyday financial decisions.
- Read complex texts at grade level.
- Increase academic and domain-specific vocabulary.
- Engage in routine writing in response to texts, concepts, and scenarios.
- Use research skills to access, interpret, and apply information from sources you have gathered.

Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of instructional videos and tasks
- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson
- Assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, email, chat, and system announcements. You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, as you collaborate on projects, ask and answer questions in your peer group, and develop your speaking and listening skills.

Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Grading Category	Weight
Quizzes	20%
Tests	30%
Exams	20%
Essays	10%
Assignments	10%
Additional	0%
Projects	10%

Scope and Sequence

When you log into Edgenuity, you can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics you will study. The units of study are summarized below:

Unit 1: Introduction to Economics

Unit 2: Microeconomics

Unit 3: Macroeconomics

Unit 4: Business and Government

Unit 5: The Global Economy

Unit 6: Financial Literacy