

Prerequisite courses: none

Grade level: 9-12

Course Description

Students will learn about basic economic concepts and life skills related to personal finance. Important economic topics will include economic systems, scarcity, and economic decision-making. Skills focuses include interpreting supply and demand curves, determining opportunity cost, and interpreting charts and graphs. In the personal finance units of the course, students will learn important life skills such as budgeting, saving and investing, weighing financial decisions, and financial planning,

This course is part of the Exceptional Students Course Suite, designed for high school students working three or more grade levels behind. The Exceptional Students courses are ideal for students whose IEPs allow them to earn credit for below-grade-level coursework.

Course Objectives

Students will meet the following goals in this course.

- Describe the four factors of production.
- Explain the roles of resources and scarcity in economic decision-making.
- Explain how the principles of a market economy helped develop the United States into a democratic nation.
- Describe the advantages and disadvantages of trade policies.
- Analyze strategies for budgeting and saving.
- Describe factors that influence career decisions.

Student Expectations

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

- interactive lessons, which include a mixture of instructional videos and tasks.
- assignments, in which they apply and extend learning in each lesson.
- assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams.

Communication

Teachers will communicate with students regularly through discussions, emails, chats, and system announcements. Students will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, to collaborate, ask and answer questions in peer groups, and develop speaking and listening skills.

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Grading Policy

Students will be graded on work completed online and work submitted electronically to the teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Grading Category	Weight
Assignments	20%
Lesson quizzes	30%
Unit tests	30%
Cumulative exams	20%

Scope and Sequence

When students log on to Imagine Edgenuity, they can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics under study. The units of study are listed below

Course Units
Unit 1: Economic Systems
Unit 2: Economic Institutions in the US and the World
Unit 3: Financial Literacy
Unit 4: Personal Finance Skills
Unit 5: Career and Financial Planning