

KOFA HIGH SCHOOL
SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

ECONOMICS SYLLABUS

www.quia.com/pages/kofaeconomics.html



GOALS

We have three goals for this course.

- *Help students to thoroughly understand and effectively apply fundamental microeconomic and macroeconomic principles.*
- *Help students thoroughly recognize and understand how these principles relate to their roles as participating citizens in our domestic and global economies and societies.*
- *Help students thoroughly recognize and understand how these principles relate to themselves personally , professionally , and in their roles as participating citizens in our domestic and global economies and societies*

COMPETENCIES

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to do the following:

- *Identify and explain the fundamental laws, principles, models, and concepts found in the study of economics*
- *Identify as well as to compare and contrast the different types of economic systems*
- *Identify and explain the unique characteristics of the American free market system*
- *Identify and explain the roles of our key economic institutions and organizations*
- *Identify and explain the fundamental characteristics and roles of market structures and financial instruments*
- *Identify and explain how economic performance is measured and evaluated*
- *Identify and explain the types of fiscal management philosophies and policies that can be used to manage the economy*
- *Identify and explain the fundamental characteristics of the major economic challenges such as inflation, unemployment, and poverty*
- *Identify and explain the types of monetary philosophies and policies that can be used to manage the economy*

- *Identify and explain the fundamental philosophies, policies, activities, institutions, and measurements relating to global trade and development*
- *Identify and explain current economic conditions and events*

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

Classroom instruction :

- *Reading and note taking assignments related to course material*
- *Writing assignments related to course material*
- *Viewing and discussion regarding videos supplementing course material*
- *Workshop exercises supplementing course material*
- *Discussion of current economic events related to course material*

Resources :

Students are strongly recommended to regularly visit our class web site which contains valuable information. The URL for the web site is www.quia.com/pages/kofaeconomics.html .

For student planning purposes , the web site contains AVID reading and writing templates for students to use in their chapter reading assignments , prepackaged study guides for videos , and a class calendar that displays the schedule for assignment start dates as well as availability dates for all self assessments . The note taking completed with the AVID reading and writing templates is very important for the students as they are permitted to use their notes to complete the chapter self assessments .

Although having online access to the class schedule via the class web site calendar , students are also provided with an automated notification / reminder services for self assessments and activities such as videos that will be run in class . Students will receive the automated notifications / reminders to their cellular phones at least 24 hours prior to the self assessments becoming available or the video being run in class .

For students who may prefer reading at a slower pace , it is recommended that they check out a textbook (referred to as text # 1 below in the class outline and schedule section) from the Kofa bookstore . This will enable students to continue their reading assignments in that book while out of class .

MEASUREMENT / GRADES

Students are required to complete the entire curriculum , all 16 chapters (see the class outline and schedule section below) . Grades for each marking period will be calculated as follows :

- *70 % Based on chapter self assessments .*

- 30 % Based on video exams > Study guides are provided for these and the students are permitted to use their notes when taking the exam .

The semester grade will be determined by the YUHSD guidelines.

SPECIAL RULES REGARDING CHAPTER SELF ASSESSMENTS , VIDEO EXAMS

Chapter self assessments are taken online in room 3106 during regularly scheduled class time , all the students need to do is sign up as the computers will be made available on a first come / first serve basis . Students are permitted to use their notes when taking the online self assessments .

Please note that failure to take chapter self assessments scheduled within the marking period will result in receiving a grade of “ zero (0) ” on that assessment . See the class outline and schedule section below for information regarding what chapter self assessments are due by the end of each marking period .

Students are also permitted to use their notes when taking a video exam . Video exams that are missed as a result of a student absence will not be made up. Students will be “ exempted ” from a grade and not penalized.

Please note that students who are enrolled in Mr. Rothschild’s class and are taking economics via an online class , through the A + program , or through a “ packet ” , are not exempt from chapter self assessment requirements in Mr. Rothschild’s class . All A + , or packet , enrolled students will be held accountable based on the YUHSD , Kofa High’s , and Mr. Rothschild’s chapter self assessment rules . All A+ , or packet , enrolled students will receive a grade for Mr. Rothschild’s class that will appear on the student’s transcript .

ATTENDANCE ADVISORY !!

As long as a student is enrolled in Mr. Rothschild’s class they will be held accountable based on the YUHSD , Kofa High , and Mr. Rothschild’s attendance rules and policies .

Students are permitted 5 unexcused tardies . For each tardy over 5 they will be penalized 2 points on every chapter self assessment and the final .

Teacher make-ups are not available for excessive absences. Saturday school is the only alternative.

CLASS OUTLINE AND SCHEDULE

CLASS TEXTS :

Text # 1 > Miller , Roger LeRoy . Economics Today and Tomorrow . New York : McGraw Hill – Glencoe , 2005

Text # 2 > Miller , Roger LeRoy / Benjamin , Daniel K. / North , Douglass C. . The Economics Of Public Issues , New York : Addison – Wesley , Sixteenth Edition 2010

Week 1 > CLASS INTRODUCTION - Review of the syllabus and the tools available to students .

INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMICS

Week 2 > Text # 1 - Chapter # 1 > What Is Economics ? , Text # 2 – Chapter # 1 > Death By Bureaucrat , Personal Finance Reading # 1 > Setting Priorities

Week 3 > Text # 1 – Chapter # 2 > Economic Systems , Text # 2 – Chapter # 2 > Ethanol Madness , Personal Finance Reading # 2 > Creating A Budget

Week 4 > Text # 1 – Chapter # 3 > The Consumer , Text # 2 – Chapter # 3 > Flying The Friendly Skies ? , Personal Finance Reading # 3 > The Basics Of Banking And Savings

Week 5 > Text # 1 – Chapter # 4 > Debt , Text # 2 – Chapter # 4 > The Mystery Of Wealth , Personal Finance Reading # 4 > Controlling Debt

**** END OF THE FIRST MARKING PERIOD OF THE SEMESTER ****

Week 6 > Text # 1 – Chapter # 5 > Necessities Of Life , Text # 2 – Chapter # 5 > Sex , Booze , and Drugs , Personal Finance Reading # 5 > Health Insurance

Week 7 > Text # 1 – Chapter # 6 > Savings and Investment , Text # 2 – Chapter # 6 > Kidneys For Sale , Personal Finance Reading # 6 > Life Insurance

MICROECONOMICS > MARKETS , PRICES , AND BUSINESS COMPETITION

Week 8 > Text # 1 – Chapter # 7 > Demand and Supply , Text # 2 – Chapter # 7 > When High Prices Are Low Prices , Personal Finance Reading # 7 > Buying A Car . NOTE !! This chapter has two self assessments ; Part 1 on demand , and part 2 on supply .

Week 9 > Text # 1 – Chapter # 8 > Business Organizations , Text # 2 – Chapter # 8 > Are We Running Out Of Water ? , Personal Finance Reading # 8 > Auto Insurance

Week 10 > Text # 1 – Chapter # 9 > Competition and Monopolies , Text # 2 – Chapter # 9 > The Disincentives Of Higher Taxes , Personal Finance Reading # 9 > Buying A Home

MICROECONOMICS > AMERICAN BUSINESS IN ACTION

Week 11 > Text # 1 – Chapter # 10 > Financing and Producing Goods , Text # 2 – Chapter # 10 > Bankrupt Landlords , From Sea To Shining Sea , Personal Finance Reading # 10 > The Basics Of Investing

**** END OF THE SECOND MARKING PERIOD OF THE SEMESTER ****

Week 12 > Text # 1 – Chapter # 11 > Marketing and Distribution , Text # 2 – Chapter # 12 > The Effects Of The Minimum Wage , Personal Finance Reading # 11 > Planning For Retirement

Week 13 > Text # 1 – Chapter # 12 > The American Labor Force , Text # 2 – Chapter # 14 > A Farewell To Jobs , and Chapter # 32 > The Lion , The Dragon , And The Future , Personal Finance Reading # 12 > Bonds

Week 14 > Text # 1 – Chapter # 13 > Measuring The Economy's Performance (Pages 343 to 355 and 360 to 368) , Text # 2 – Chapter # 16 > Contracts , Combinations, and Conspiracies , and Chapter # 32 > The \$ 750,000 Steelworker , Personal Finance Reading # 13 > Mutual Funds

Week 15 > Text # 1 – Chapter # 14 > Money and Banking , Text # 2 – Chapter # 17 > Coffee , Tea , and Tuition Free . and Chapter # 19 > Keeping The Competition Out

Week 16 > Text # 1 – Chapter # 15 > The Federal Reserve System and Monetary Policy , Text # 2 – Chapter # 23 > Raising Less Corn and More Hell . and Chapter # 24 > Crime and punishment

Week 17 > Text # 1 – Chapter # 16 > Government and the Economy , Text # 2 – Chapter # 25 > The Graying of America . and Chapter # 26 > The Trash Man Cometh

Week 18 > FINALS