

Economics Scope and Sequence

Units and Essential Questions:

Unit 1 - Economic Theory

- Why should we study economics?
- How has economic thought developed from 1776-2019?

Unit 2 – Case Studies – Healthcare & Minimum Wage

- What are policies, arguments and perspectives surrounding _____ ?

Unit 3 - Basics of Macroeconomics

- How do we measure and regulate the economy?
- What are the forces/players that act in the economy and how do they relate to one and other?

Unit 4 - Personal Finance

- How do you create and manage a budget?
- How does the macro-economy affect your personal economics?

Course Schedule --- Readings/Assignments/Deadlines

Dates	Unit/Topic	Readings	Assignments Due
Week 1: 1/29 - 2/2	Course Intro Government & politics meet economics	“Life Chances” Speech, by David Cameron Supporting - TBA	*** Life Chances Reflection (2pg max)
Week 2: 2/4 - 2/8 Begin Unit #1	1 - Classical Economic Theory	Textbook - Pgs. 2-19 Adam Smith- “The Wealth of Nations” (1776) Thomas Malthus - “Essay on the Principle of Population” (1798) Textbook Pgs 38-39 & 472-473	Content Quiz Current Events
Week 3: 2/11 - 2/15	1- Classical Economic Theory	Karl Marx - “Das Kapital” - “The Communist Manifesto” David Ricardo	Content Quiz Current Events

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		Textbook Pg. 546	
Week 4: 2/18-2/22	Mid-Winter	Recess	No Classes
Week 5: 2/25 - 3/1	1- Modern Economic Theory	John Maynard Keynes - "The General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money" --PBS Alan Greenspan - NY Times article "Greenspan Concedes Error on Regulation" Richard Wolfe Lecture Textbook Pgs 406-407	Content Quiz Current Events ***Theorist Letter
Week 6: 3/4 - 3/8	2 – Case Study #1 HealthCare	Excerpts from "America's Bitter Pill", Brill PPACA Summary Excerpts from <i>NFIB v. Sebelius</i> Independent Research	<i>Theorists Roundtable</i>
Week 7: 3/11 - 3/15	2 – Case Study #2 The Minimum Wage	TBA Independent Research Theorist group work	Current Events
Week 8: 3/18 - 3/22	Case Study #2 The Minimum Wage	Guided Research Independent Research	Current Events
Week 9: 3/25 - 3/29	Case Study #2 The Minimum Wage	Independent Research	**5pg Policy Paper Due**
Week 10:	3 – Basics of Macroeconomics	Textbook Pgs. 24-44, 48-70	Content Quiz

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4/1 - 4/5	(GDP, Supply & Demand, Price)	TBA	Current Events
Week 11 4/8 - 4/12	3 – Basics of Macroeconomics (International Finance & Exchange Rates)	Textbook Pgs. 488-511, 518-536 TBA	Content Quiz Current Events
Week 12: 4/15 - 4/18	3 – Basics of Macroeconomics (Labor and Unemployment)	Textbook Pgs. 162-203 TBA	Content Quiz Current Events
Week 13: 4/22 - 4/26	Spring Break	No Classes	Are you keeping up?
Week 14: 4/29 - 5/3	3 – Basics of Macroeconomics (Role of Government / Fiscal & Monetary Policy)	Textbook Pgs. 278-297, 309-319, 426-441, 445-461 TBA	Content Quiz Current Events
Week 15: 5/6 - 5/10	3 – Basics of Macroeconomics (Role of Government / Fiscal & Monetary Policy) Applications to Financial of Crisis 2007 Economic Policies of the Trump Presidency	Textbook Pgs. 278-297, 309-319, 426-441, 445-461 TBA	Content Quiz Current Events ***Response to Krugman / Teaching Economics
Week 16: 5/13 - 5/17	4- Personal Finance Basics of Budgeting	TBA Begin reading “Nickel and Dimed” - Barbara Ehrenreich	Content Quiz Current Events

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Week 17: 5/20 - 5/24	4- Personal Finance	Textbook Pgs. 210-231 “Nickel and Dimed” - Barbara Ehrenreich	Content Quiz Current Events Budget Project
Week 18: 5/28 - 5/31	4- Personal Finance	Textbook Pgs. 234- 253 “Nickel and Dimed” - Barbara Ehrenreich TBA	Content Quiz Current Events Budget Project
Week 19: 6/3- 6/7	4- Personal Finance	“Nickel and Dimed” - Barbara Ehrenreich TBA	Current Events Budget Project
Week 20: 6/10 - 6/14 Exams begin Tues 6/18	4 – Personal Finance	“Nickel and Dimed” - Barbara Ehrenreich	***Course Evaluation *** Personal Budget / Reflection with “Nickel & Dimed”