

Course Description, Economics (CP) (one semester)

Students start by learning basic concepts of supply and demand, how to draw and interpret market diagrams, and what rules govern the business world. Students learn the economic theories of Adam Smith, Karl Marx, and John Keynes and how they have been applied throughout the history of this and other nations. Students then learn macroeconomic theory, how it has been applied in our country in the past, and how it is applied today. Students must formulate and support opinions on the morality of different economic theories.

Each unit in Economics lasts for 1-2 weeks.

Unit 1, Essential Vocabulary
Unit 2, The Market and Government
Unit 3, Market Diagrams
Unit 4, Types of Businesses
Unit 5, Intro to Macro
Unit 6, Macro, Part 2
Unit 7, Forms of Money
Unit 8, International Trade
Unit 9, The Flow of Money
Unit 10, The US Banking System
Unit 11, Stocks, Bonds, and Finance
Unit 12, Incentives
FINAL

Student Learning Outcomes:

The course builds reading, researching, writing, and critical thinking skills. Students learn how to formulate opinions and persuade peers of the validity of said opinions. The course adheres to UC, CA, and Common Core standards for 12th grade Economics.

Texts:

Prentice Hall Economics, Principles in Action
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Freakonomics
Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner
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