Economics - Course Syllabus

Description:
Presenting timely and engaging content, Economics provides students with an understanding of the principles of economics. As they become familiar with how markets work, students interact with lessons to apply the key microeconomic concepts of supply and demand as well as the role of prices. This course targets important aspects of the world economy, including international trade and global economic challenges, and encourages students to apply the economic way of thinking to a variety of situations relevant to their everyday lives.


Course objectives:
Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Interpret graphs, market data, and vocabulary used by economists.
- Compare and contrast economic systems, and describe how government, the factors of production, and the principles of private ownership of property influence these systems.
- Understand how basic economic principles, including opportunity cost, specialization, and comparative advantage, affect markets and the production of goods and services.
- Analyze the relationship between supply and demand and the roles of consumers and producers in influencing markets and trends.
- Examine the qualities of market systems, banking systems, and financial markets, and assess the causes of economic instabilities.
- Explore the role of government and government agencies in the United States economy, and assess the arguments for and against government intervention in economic matters.

Contents:

Semester A
Chapter 1 What is Economics?
Chapter 2 Economic Systems
Chapter 3 Demand
Chapter 4 Supply
Chapter 5 Prices
Chapter 6 Market Structures
Chapter 7 Business Organizations
Chapter 8 Labor and Unions
Chapter 9 Sources of Capital

Semester B
Chapter 10 Economic Performance
Chapter 11 Economic Challenge
Chapter 12 Role of Government
Chapter 13 Money and the Banking System
Chapter 14 Federal Reserve and Monetary Policy
Chapter 15 Fiscal Policy
Chapter 16 Comparing Economic Systems
Chapter 17 Developing Countries
Chapter 18 International Trade

Grading Scale
A = 90-100%
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = under 59%

Grade Weighting
Chapter Quizzes............. 50%
Cumulative Exam ............. 50%

100%