

**Economics - Summer 2021**  
**Course Explanation and Expectations**  
**Mrs. Martinez**

Economics will examine the way in which economics affects the lives of individuals. The class will also examine how individuals through their economic choices shape the world. The study of economics includes learning about scarcity and choice, opportunity cost and trade-offs, productivity, supply and demand, economic systems, the roles of government, monetary policy and fiscal policy as well as other recurrent themes, such as the economy and global issues. A unit on personal finance is also included

**Module 1: Introduction to Economics**

**Module 2: Free Markets in Action**

**Module 3: Business in Action**

**Module 4: Money and Banking**

**Module 5: Measure Economic Performance**

**Module 6: Government in the Macro Economy**

**Module 7: Global Trade, Investing, and Philanthropy**

**(Personal Finance will be taught at specific times in M3, M4, and M7)**

**Daily Supplies for Class:**

Computer/iPad/Device

Paper, Pencils, and Calculator

**Textbook and Resources:**

1. The textbook we will be using is *Economics and Personal Finance*. You **do not** need to buy the book, as I will be giving you the handouts.
2. I will also be using resources from National Council for Economic Education; Arizona Council for Economic Education; and many more.
3. We will also be using many, many online periodicals for daily current events. You will be required to read articles, critically think about them, and then participate in a discussion/seminar at a later time. You may use the following links to help you find current news information, or you may find your own from a PRE-APPROVED source.

[www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)

[www.msnbc.com](http://www.msnbc.com)

[www.foxnews.com](http://www.foxnews.com)

[www.bbc.com/news](http://www.bbc.com/news)

[www.azcentral.com](http://www.azcentral.com)

[www.npr.com](http://www.npr.com)

[www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)

[www.latimes.com](http://www.latimes.com)

[www.smh.com.au](http://www.smh.com.au)

[www.themoscowtimes.com](http://www.themoscowtimes.com)

[www.marketwatch.com](http://www.marketwatch.com)

[www.econmist.com](http://www.econmist.com)

[www.csmonitor.com](http://www.csmonitor.com)

**Grades:**

I will be using the NDP summer school grade scale in this class. Within the class the grades are weighted - Formative 8%, Summative 72%, and Final Exam 20%.

**Homework:**

Most of the work in this class is done while in class, but when I do assign homework, I expect it to be done well and turned in the next day at the beginning of class. For each hour your homework is late, I will deduct 5% per hour. Hence, do not turn in work late.

**Technology:**

As addressed earlier in this syllabus, you will need either an iPad or some other technology device in order to do participate in WebEx lessons, research, take notes, do assignments, and access Canvas.

**Canvas:**

I will use Canvas for all work/homework expectations so you will need to check it often. You will also be taking interactive quizzes, tests, and doing interactive work within Canvas, so it is imperative you become familiar with it.

**Honesty:**

The old term “honesty is the best policy” is what I run my class on. It is expected that all work you produce within the class is your own work. I would much rather have you come to me with questions and concerns when you do not understand an assignment or concept than copy a classmate's answers and hence, do poorly on the quizzes and exams. My goal is to help you “learn and understand” the information, so if you are having issues, please come see me. Unfortunately, if you choose to cheat and use someone else's work, then I will have no choice but to follow the Notre Dame Prep policy on Academic Dishonesty. Please do not put either one of us in the position of having to address dishonesty.

**Lastly:**

This class, in my opinion, is one of the most important classes you will take at NDP in that many of the concepts you will be learning (especially personal finance) you will be using the rest of your life. Because of this, if you at any time feel that you need extra help, guidance, or just a pat on the back, email me. It is my job to help you become better citizen of society, and I take that job very seriously.

God Bless,

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