



1st Semester Economics

Unit 1 The Fundamentals of Economics (Week 1)

Topics Discussed

- a) 1.1 Scarcity
- b) 1.2 Opportunity Costs and Trade Offs
- c) 1.3 Production Possibility Curves.

Projects

Food Court Activity, The Factors of Production Activity

Unit 2: Free Enterprise and Other Economic Systems (Weeks 2-3)

Topics Discussed

- a) 2.1 The Three Economic Questions
 - 1. What goods should be produced?
 - 2. How should these goods and services be produced?
 - 3. Who consumes these good and services?
- b) 2.2 Free Markets
- c) 2.3 Centrally Planned Economics
- d) 2.4 Mixed Economics
- e) 2.5 Benefits of Free Enterprise
- f) 2.6 Supporting Economic Growth
- g) 2.7 Public Goods and Externalities

Projects

Economic Systems Group Presentations and Debate

Unit 3: Demand, Supply, and Prices (Weeks 4-5)

Topics Discussed

- a) 3.1 Fundamentals of Demand
- b) 3.2 Shifts in Demand
- c) 3.3 Elasticity of Demand
- d) 3.4 Fundamentals of Supply
- e) 3.5 Costs of Production
- f) 3.6 Changes in Supply
- g) 3.7 Equilibrium and Price Controls
- h) 3.8 Changes in Market Equilibrium
- i) 3.9 Prices at Work.

Projects

Determining Supply and Demand to Satisfy the Market Activity

Unit 4: Competition and Market Structures (Weeks 6-7)

Topics Discussed

- a) 4.1 Pure Competition
- b) 4.2 Monopolies
- c) 4.3 Monopolistic Competition and Oligopoly
- d) 4.4 Government Regulations and Competition.

Projects:

Group Marketing Project

Unit 5: Business and Labor (Week 8-9)

Topics Discussed

- a) 5.1 Sole Proprietorship
- b) 5.2 Partnerships and Franchises
- c) 5.3 Corporations
- d) 5.4 Nonprofit Organization
- e) 5.5 The Labor Force
- f) 5.6 Labor and Wages
- g) 5.7 Labor Unions.

Projects

Types of Businesses Group Presentations

Unit 6: Money, Banking, and Financial Markets (Week 10-11)

Topics Discussed

- a) 6.1 The Role of Money
- b) 6.2 Changes in American Banking
- c) 6.3 The Federal Reserve System
- d) 6.4 The Functions of Modern Banking
- e) 6.5 Investing, Bonds and Other Financial Assets
- f) 6.6 Stocks.

Projects

The Stock Market Game (will be ongoing the rest of the semester)

Unit 7: Economic Performance and Challenges (Week 12-13)

Topics Discussed

- a) 7.1 Gross Domestic Product
- b) 7.2 Business Cycles
- c) 7.3 Economic Growth
- d) 7.4 Unemployment
- e) 7.5 Inflation and Deflation
- f) 7.6 Poverty and Income Distribution.

Projects

The Economy and how it affects individual's assignment

Unit 8: Taxes and Spending (Week 14-15)

Topics Discussed

- a) 8.1 Understanding Taxes
- b) 8.2 Federal Taxes
- c) 8.3 Federal Spending
- d) 8.4 State and Local Taxes and Spending.

Project

American Taxes Assignment (W-2, State Taxes, Federal Tax, Property Tax, etc)

Unit 9: Fiscal and Monetary Policy (Week 16-17)

Topics Discussed

- a) 9.1 The Federal Budget and Fiscal Policy
- b) 9.2 Fiscal Policy Options
- c) 9.3 the National Debt and Deficits
- d) 9.4 Monetary Policy Options
- e) 9.5 The Effects of Monetary Policy.

Projects

Budget Assignment

Unit 10: Trade, Development, and Globalization (Week 18-19)

Topics Discussed

- a) 10.1 Why Nations Trade
- b) 10.2 Trade Barriers and Agreements
- c) 10.3 Exchange Rates and Trade
- d) 10.4 Development
- e) 10.5 Growth Resources and Development
- f) 10.6 Changing Economies
- g) 10.7 Globalization.

Projects

Economies abroad case studies, Becoming an Entrepreneur Project

Unit 11: How to Apply Economics (Week 20)

Topics Discussed

- a) Student Loans
- b) Budgeting
- c) Investing
- d) Insurance (Health, Vehicle
- e) Loans (Business, Vehicle, Home)
- f) Vehicle Care and Budgeting

There are 20 Weeks Total for 1st Semester

2nd Semester American Government

Unit 1: Foundations of Government (Weeks 1-2)

Topics Discussed

- a) 1.1 Principles of Government
- b) 1.2 Types of Government
- c) 1.3 Origins of the Modern Democratic State
- d) 1.4 The Basics of Democracy

Projects

Group Government Presentations, Attend a City Council Meeting Individual Project

Unit 2: The Beginnings of American Government (Weeks 3-4)

Topics Discussed

- a) 1.2 Origins of American Political Ideals
- b) 2.2 Independence
- c) 2.3 First Steps
- d) 2.4 Creating and Ratifying the Constitution

Projects

The Need For Independence Activity, Creating an Agreement Group Assignment

Unit 3: The Constitution (Week 5-6)

Topics Discussed

- a) 3.1 An Overview of the Constitution
- b) 3.2 Amending the Constitution
- c) 3.3 Federalism – Powers Divided
- d) 3.4 The National Government and the States

Projects

Examining the Amendments Project, State vs. Federal Rights Activity

Unit 4: The Legislative Branch (Week 7)

Topics Discussed

- a) 4.1 National Legislature Overview
- b) 4.2 The Two Houses
- c) 4.3 The Expressed Powers
- d) 4.4 The Implied and Nonlegislative Powers
- e) 4.5 Congress at Work – Organization and Committees
- f) 4.6 Congress at Work – Making Law

Projects

Senate vs House of Representatives Activity

Unit 5: The Executive Branch – The Presidency and Vice Presidency (Weeks 8 - 9)

Topics Discussed

- a) 5.1 The Presidency – An Overview
- b) 5.2 The Vice President and the First Lady
- c) 5.3 The President’s Domestic Powers
- d) 5.4 The President’s Foreign Affairs Powers

Projects

How Does a President become President Group Project, President Case Studies (individual)

Field Trip

Reagan Or Nixon Library pending Admin Approval

Unit 6: The Executive Branch at Work (Week 10)

Topics Discussed

- a) 6.1 The Federal Bureaucracy
- b) 6.2 The EOP and the Executive Departments
- c) 6.3 The Independent Agencies
- d) 6.4 Foreign Policy Overview
- e) 6.5 Diplomacy
- f) 6.6 National Security

Projects

Diplomacy Case Study Group Project, Case Study of National Security by Era Group Project, Various Agencies of the U.S. Case Study Individual Project

Unit 7: The Judicial Branch (Week 11)

Topics Discussed

- a) 7.1 The National Judiciary
- b) 7.2 The Supreme Court
- c) 7.3 The Inferior Courts and the Special Courts

Projects

Supreme Court Case Study Individual Project

Unit 8: Protecting Civil Liberties (Week 12-13)

Topics Discussed

- a) 8.1 The Unalienable Rights
- b) 8.2 Freedom of Religion
- c) 8.3 Freedom of Speech and Press
- d) 8.4 Freedom of Assembly and Petition
- e) 8.5 Due Process of Law
- f) 8.6 Freedom and Security of the Person
- g) 8.7 Rights of the Accused

Projects

Civil Liberty Case Study Group Project

Unit 9: Citizenship and Civil Rights (Week 14-15)

Topics Discussed

- a) 9.1 American Citizenship
- b) 9.2 Diversity and Discrimination
- c) 9.3 Equality Before the Law
- d) 9.4 Federal Civil Rights Laws

Projects

Ways to get American Citizenship Case Study by Era, Civil Rights Case Study

Unit 10: Government by the People (Week 16)

Topics Discussed

- a) 10.1 The History of Voting Rights
- b) 10.2 Your Right to Vote
- c) 10.3 Voting Trends
- d) 10.4 The Voting Process
- e) 10.5 Public Opinions and Polling
- f) 10.6 Influencing Public Opinion: The Mass Media
- g) 10.7 Understanding Internet Groups

Projects

Voting Rights Case Study by Era Group Activity

Unit 11: Elections (Week 17)

Topics Discussed

- a) 11.1 Political Parties and What They Do
- b) 11.2 Nominations
- c) 11.3 Electing the President
- d) 11.4 Money and Elections

Projects

Funding an Election Case Study, The Process of Campaigning Case Study

Unit 12: Government and the Economy (Week 18)

Topics Discussed

- a) 12.1 Types of Economic Systems
- b) 12.2 Fiscal and Monetary Policy
- c) 12.3 Financing Government
- d) 12.4 Spending and Borrowing
- e) The U.S. in a Global Economy

Projects

The Government and its Budget Activity

Unit 13: State and Local Government (Week 19)

Topics Discussed

- a) 13.1 State Constitutions
- b) 13.2 State Legislatures
- c) 13.3 The Governor and State Administration
- d) 13.4 The State Courts
- e) 13.5 Local Government – Structure and Function
- f) 13.6 State and Local Spending and Revenue

Projects: State vs. Local Government Case Study

Unit 14: Comparative Political Systems (Week 20)

Topics Discussed

- a) 14.1 Democracy and the Changing World
- b) 14.2 The United Kingdom
- c) 14.3 The Russian Federation
- d) 14.4 China

Projects

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There are 20 Weeks total for 2nd Semester