

Syllabus**

Economics, Government (2008-2009) 1 Course Credit

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Texts: *The Study of Economics*, Sixth Edition. Mings & Marlin.
Street Law, Sixth Edition. Arbetman & O'Brien
American Government, revised edition 2006. McClenaghan

Semester 1 (Economics)

Quarter 1: General economic theory and Microeconomics

Planned topic areas: Computer graphing, all major micro topics with emphasis on trade, theory of the firm, and all variations of product market analyses.

Quarter 2: Macroeconomics

Planned topic areas: all major Macro topics with emphasis on production, unemployment, inflation, and money.

Semester Exam/Computer exam—schedule will be posted

Semester 2 (Economics-Government)

Quarter 3: Transition from Economics into Government

Stock Market
Federal Reserve Essay Contest—paper assigned
Economics Challenge

Government
Selected chapters from *American Government*.

Quarter 4: Government

Selected chapters from *American Government*.

Final Paper Assignment

2nd Semester Exam—to be announced

Tutoring: Available after school 2:45-3:15 in room 106 or by appointment.

Homework/Projects:

Homework will not normally be handed in, but you will receive credit for completing it. There will typically be no homework assigned over the weekend or before holidays. If you are absent on a day when homework is due, you will have two school days after your

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return to complete any missing assignments and show the instructor to obtain credit. It is *your* responsibility to find out what you need to do. No credit is given for unexcused late work. Special arrangements can be made for long illnesses and other circumstances. All notices for homework due, quizzes, exams, etc., will be detailed on the chalkboard in the classroom. You are responsible for anything listed on the chalkboard. Make sure to keep contact with other students to make sure you are not missing anything.

Items you need for class:

1) Text. 2) Three-ring binder with loose-leaf paper, graph paper. 3) Pen, pencil, highlighter. You will need a calculator on some occasions. Points may be given out on occasion for having these items.

Absences/Tardiness:

If you are absent, it is *your* responsibility to obtain any missing work or assignments from the instructor or other classmates. I will not run you down about late work. Tardy policy: If you are late for class without a good excuse, you will have mandatory tutoring for the day.

Cheating:

Discipline for cheating will be addressed by the Principal and Dean of Students. If the instructor has determined that cheating has occurred or has good reason to believe that it has occurred, the instructor will determine the academic consequences on a case-by-case basis for this specific class.

Tests/Quizzes:

Tests for the class will be announced and posted in class. Quizzes will likely be announced, but this may not happen in all situations. If you are absent on a test day or when a quiz is given, a make-up quiz or exam can be taken within two days of your return. It is *your* responsibility to schedule the exam with the teacher. Unusual accommodations must be agreed upon with the teacher. If you are present on an exam or quiz day, the teacher will make the final decision whether the student takes the exam or quiz on that day or whether it can be taken at a later time.

Semester grades will be calculated as described below. Quarter grades will be calculated using all the points from the quarter, including tests, quizzes, and homework. Semester grades will be calculated by the online grading system, using percentages from each quarter and the semester exam to calculate the final percentage and the subsequent final semester grade. Points may be added in your favor or grades improved in situations—for example—where students show significant improvement and progress; this is the instructor’s decision.

Quarter 1 40%	Quarter 2 40%	Semester Final 20% (cumulative)
Grading scale:		
A 93–100%	B- 80–83%	D+ 67–70%
A- 90–93%	C+ 77–80%	D 63–67%
B+ 87–90%	C 73–77%	D- 60–63%
B 83–87	C- 70–73%	F Below 60%