



Course Syllabus

Course Title: Economics

School Year: 2024-2025

Semester(s): 1 and 2

Grade Level(s): 9, 10, 11, 12

Course Day(s) and Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm PST

Teacher Information

- **Name:** Keith Faulkner
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Class Materials - <https://brancheslearning.org/product/economics/#Materials>

Course Description: This one-semester course introduces students to essential economic concepts, equipping them to address financial matters effectively as citizens, employees, consumers, entrepreneurs, and participants in civic groups. Students will explore the intricacies of the U.S. economy, developing a grasp of fundamental economic principles and their application in domestic and global contexts.

Course Units

Unit 1: Thinking Like an Economist

Unit 2: Understanding Markets

Unit 3: Business and Labor

Unit 4: Money, Banking, and Finance

Unit 5: Economic Performance

Unit 6: Government and the Economy

Unit 7: The Global Economy



Course Expectations: Be prepared, attend from a quiet place, have your materials ready, have your camera on, be on time, participate, submit work in a timely fashion, treat others with respect, and ask for help when needed.

Grading Scale

High School, Grades 9-12

- A = 90% -100%
- B = 80%-89%
- C = 70%-79%
- D = 60%-69%
- F = 0%-59%

Final grades are determined by the quality and completion of assignments, attendance, and participation.

Important Branches Learning Policy Information

Camera Policy

Branches Learning requires students to keep their cameras on during live classes unless otherwise instructed by the teacher. Exceptions can be made in rare circumstances if the course teacher, supervising teacher (HST), and the parent all approve a camera waiver.

Headset Policy

Students attending live classes from a shared space must have a headset with a microphone to ensure the class is not disrupted by background noise.

Attendance Policy

Absences must be reported to the course instructor via email or sent to info@brancheslearning.org. Class recordings are available upon requests.

Attendance and participation are part of the final grade. Students who miss more than 40% of live classes may fail the course. Exceptions may be made if a pre-approved plan is in place.

Late Work

Assignments turned in after the due date will result in a lower grade unless pre-approved by the instructor.