



Economics and Personal Finance Honors Syllabus

Course Details

Course Code: 330800HH

Subject: Social Studies

Required Prerequisites: None

Suggested Prerequisites: None

Recommended Grade Levels: 12

Duration: Semester

Course Availability: A listing of when this course is offered in the current school year can be found on the [VirtualSC Current Course Offerings page](#) (opens in a new window).

Class Times: This course has scheduled instructional meetings. Information on scheduled meetings for each course is communicated by the teacher. Recordings of these meetings will be available for students unable to attend. Students should expect to spend 7-9 hours a week working on this course independently, in addition to any live meetings, and are expected to meet the deadlines posted in the course pacing guide.

Textbook: *Understanding Economics*, McGraw-Hill, 2016

Required Course Materials: None

Outside Websites: A list of links to websites and online textbooks used in this course can be found here: [VSC Course Links Document Folder \(opens in a new window\)](#). Students will need to be able to access all of these links to access all course materials.

Final Exam: Students in this course take a VirtualSC final exam. Details on scheduling and taking final exams can be found on the [Final Exam Page](#) (opens in a new window) of the VirtualSC webpage.

Course Description

Economics is the study of how people use limited resources. In this course, we will examine the decision-making process in using those resources, how markets develop to move those resources, how the government oversees those markets, and how those markets have developed to become global in scope. The course curriculum satisfies the South Carolina state standards in Economics.

The curriculum used in this course is guided by the [Economics and Personal Finance 2020 SCSSCCR Standards \(opens in a new window\)](#).

The Honors level Economics and Personal Finance course is designed to give students the opportunity to engage in a higher level of analysis and require students to consider different economic sectors and infrastructures. Students are required to apply independent research skills and critical thinking on economic topics that require sophisticated financial understanding, interpret economic data, make complex evaluations in determining the cause and effect, and present ways to prevent similar economic conditions in the future.

Scope and Sequence

- Orientation & Introduction
- Unit 01: What is Economics
- Unit 02: How Are Your Resources Allocated?
- Unit 03: Demand, Supply & Prices
- Unit 04: What's the Price? Where Did My Job Go?
- Unit 05: Economic Indicators & Policies
- Unit 06: Government & Global Trade
- Unit 07: Personal Finance
- Final Exam

Students will be sent a full list of assignments and their due dates at the beginning of the course.

Current pacing guides for this course can be found on the [Current Course Offerings page \(opens in a new window\)](#) on the VirtualSC website.

Course Grades

The final grade in this course results from the following:

- Coursework: 80%

- Final Exam: 20%

Each unit is worth approximately 14% of the course grade. Students will be sent a full list of assignments and their due dates at the beginning of the course.

VirtualSC Details

Information on VirtualSC student guidelines, policies and technology requirements can be found in the [VirtualSC Student Support Portal \(opens in a new window\)](#).