

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA HIGH SCHOOL

# **Economics**

BUSH035061 Credits: 0.5 units / 5 hours | NCAA Approved

## **Course Description**

In this challenging course students gain an understanding of basic economic concepts by examining historical and current examples of economic principles and systems at work. Students will study the role and workings of the free market economy and learn how markets work, including supply, demand, prices and market structures. Students will also study issues that relate to business, including labor-management relations, business organizations, money and banking, financial markets, the relationship between gross domestic product and growth, and economic challenges. This course will also cover government regulation, government involvement in the economy, international trade, globalization, and the impact of technology on the economy.

Note: Credit may be granted in either business or social studies.

**Graded Assessments:** 6 Unit Evaluations; 3 Projects; 3 Proctored Progress Tests, 6 Teacher Connect Activities

## **Course Objectives**

When you have completed the materials in this course, you should be able to:

- 1. Understand the basic economic issues that consumers face.
- 2. Describe how businesses make economic decisions.
- 3. Explain the ways people and businesses invest money.
- 4. Analyze how economic policies affect individuals, towns, states, nations, and the world.

### **Course Outline**

**Unit 1. Introducing Economics** 

Teacher Connect Activity 1

Lesson 1: Introduction to Economics

Lesson 2: Economic Systems

Lesson 3: American Free Enterprise

Unit 1 Evaluation

Project 1

## Unit 2. How Markets Work

Lesson 4: Demand Lesson 5: Supply Lesson 6: Prices

Lesson 7: Market Structures

Unit 2 Evaluation

Teacher Connect Activity 2

Progress Test 1

## Unit 3. Business and Labor

Lesson 8: Business Organizations Lesson 9: Labor Unit 3 Evaluation Teacher Connect Activity 3 Project 2

## Unit 4. Money, Finance, and Economic Measurements

Lesson 10: Money and Banking Lesson 11: Financial Markets

Lesson 12: Gross Domestic Product and Growth

Lesson 13: Economic Challenges

Unit 4 Evaluation

Teacher Connect Activity 4

Progress Test 2

## Unit 5. Government and the Economy

Lesson 14: Taxes and Government Spending

Lesson 15: Fiscal Policy

Lesson 16: The Federal Reserve and Monetary Policy

Unit 5 Evaluation

Teacher Connect Activity 5

Project 3

## Unit 6: The Global Economy

Lesson 17: International Trade

Lesson 18: Development and Globalization

Unit 6 Evaluation

Teacher Connect Activity 6

Progress Test 3

### **Required Textbook**

(available through Follett virtual bookstore at http://highschool.nebraska.bkstr.com)

Textbook: **Pearson Economics.** Arthur O'Sullivan and Steven M. Sheffrin. Boston: Pearson Education, Inc., 2016. ISBN: 9780133306934