

U.S. and Global Economics is a wide-ranging course that provides an introduction to key economic principles. Students gain an understanding of choices they must make as producers, consumers, investors, and taxpayers. They have ample opportunity to develop their points of view and apply what they learn to the promotion of civic action. Topics include an examination of markets from both historical and current perspectives; the basics of supply and demand; the theories of early economic philosophers such as Adam Smith and David Ricardo; theories of value; the concept of money and how it evolved; the role of banks, investment houses, and the Federal Reserve; Keynesian economics; the productivity, wages, investment, and growth involved in capitalism; unemployment, inflations, and the national debt; and a survey of markets in areas such as China, Europe, and the Middle East.

U.S. and Global Economics is designed to fall in the fourth year of social studies instruction. Students perfect their analytic writing through a series of analytic assignments and written lesson tests. They also apply basic mathematics to economic concepts. Students read extensive selections from crucial primary documents and apply those readings to the course content.

The content is based on standards from the National Council for History Education (1997), the National Center for History in the Schools (1996), and the National Council for Social Studies (1994) and is aligned to state standards.

Length: One semester

UNIT 1: THE GAME OF ECONOMICS

LESSON 1: WHAT IS ECONOMICS ANYWAY?

Study: What Kind of Game?

See how economics can be understood as a game with rules that is played by people with different roles.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: What's It All About?

Learn the basic concepts that define economics, including goods, services, markets, production, distribution, allocation, and the circular-flow model.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Discuss: Playing the Game

Discuss examples that show how you are involved in the game of economics.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: What's It All For?

Explore the social goals pursued in an economy, such as freedom, efficiency, equity, security, and growth. Learn how these goals are not always mutually compatible.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: The Facts of Life

Explore the issues of scarcity and production in the economy.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Practice: Economic Goals

Identify a set of goals and explain how you resolve conflicts between these goals.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: What Is the Economy Anyway?

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: DIFFERENT WAYS TO PLAY

Study: The Free-Market System

Examine the role of private-property competition and the profit motive in the free-market system. Consider the ways the United States does and does not have a free-market economy.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Freedom and the Free Market

Read excerpts from Adam Smith's *The Wealth of Nations* that connect the free market with personal and political liberty.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins

Study: Command and Mixed Economies

Explore approaches to economic organization, comparing command and mixed economies with the free-market system and considering how the flow-model differs.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Practice: What's in It for You?

Consider ways in which you benefit directly and indirectly from the free-market system.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: Different Ways to Play

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 3: DOLLARS AND SENSE

Study: Costs and Benefits

Learn about the concept of cost-benefit analysis and explore how it is used by both participants and policy-makers.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Practice: You Do the Math

Calculate the costs or benefits of making different choices in hypothetical situations.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Study: Taking the Economy's Temperature

Learn about the indicators that economists and policy-makers use to measure the state and health of the economy.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Dollars and Sense

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 4: TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMICS

Study: Better Living through Technology

Understand that technology is about both better machines and better ways of completing tasks. Learn about some important technological developments.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Journal: Technology and You

Write about technologies that affect your personal economic choices.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: The Internet Marketplace

Learn about the growth of Internet commerce from the late-1990s to the present. Consider how this growth has impacted the U.S. economy.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Explore: Internet Success Story

Choose an Internet-commerce phenomenon that sells a product or provides a service that is of interest to you. Give an

overview of the company's rise and write a brief description of the approach that has led to this success.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 25 points

Project: The Economy in Action: Starting a Start-Up

Come up with a product or service to sell via the Internet.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Quiz: Technology and Economics

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 5: THE GAME OF ECONOMICS WRAP-UP

Review: The Game of Economics

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins

Test (CS): The Game of Economics

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

Test (TS): The Game of Economics

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic: The Game of Economics

Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 2: THE PLAYERS

LESSON 1: CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS

Study: Who Plays the Game?

Learn about the economic roles of consumers and producers; consider how workers and businesses can play both roles.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: A Game of Mutual Influence

Explore how consumers and producers influence each other.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Practice: Playing Your Part

Describe your role in the economy, indicating how your actions fit into different roles and how you influence others in the economy through those actions.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: Consumers and Producers

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: CONSUMER CHOICE

Study: Choose Wisely

Learn about the tenets of rational choice as applied by individual consumers, short- and long-term planning, and the role of a personal budget in long-term planning.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: The Utility Room

Examine the concepts behind the economic definition of consumer satisfaction, including utility, marginal analysis, and opportunity cost. Learn how a Production Possibilities Frontier (PPF) graph can be used to analyze the opportunity costs of a decision.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Journal: You Make the Call

Describe an economic choice you have made; analyze how it was made and how rational that choice seems now.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Every Consumer Is Unique

Explore different factors that affect individual consumer decisions, such as cultural traditions, beliefs and values, and risk aversion.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Media Influence

Explore the influence of the media — particularly advertising — on consumer desires and behavior.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Practice: Your Utility Belt

Answer questions about the concept of utility and how this concept fits into rational choice.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: Consumer Choice

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 3: THE BUSINESS OF BUSINESS

Study: The Profit Motive

Learn about the tenets of rational choice as applied by businesses, the centrality of the profit motive, and the role of profits and losses in the allocation of resources in a market economy.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Competition

Learn about the motivations provided by competition. Explore the nature of different competitive situations, including pure competition, monopolistic competition, oligopoly, and monopoly.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: The Business of Media Is Business

Learn about the role and importance of advertising. Explore other ways that businesses use and benefit from the media.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Discuss: Are You a Tool of the Media?

Discuss your susceptibility to advertising and how exposure to the media affects your needs and wants.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Practice: Oligopoly

Find and analyze an example of an oligopolistic industry.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: The Business of Business

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 4: BUSINESS MODELS AND MODEL BUSINESSES

Study: So You Want To Be a Business . . .

Learn about the characteristics, advantages, and disadvantages of different kinds of businesses, including sole proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: The Business Model

Learn how a business model is an approach to doing business and how it affects a business's organization and

operation. Explore unique approaches to doing business.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Culture Clash

Read about the business models of two companies that have unique approaches to the same industry.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Explore: Unique Business Models

Use the Internet to research and report on a unique business model.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 25 points

Project: The Economy in Action: Build a Business Model

Choose or create a model for your own business based on the product you chose in the first segment of the semester-long project.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Quiz: The Business of Business

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 5: THE PLAYERS WRAP-UP

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Test (TS): The Players

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic: The Players

Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 3: THE PRICE IS RIGHT

LESSON 1: SUPPLY AND DEMAND: IT'S THE LAW

Study: Supply and Demand

Learn about the law of supply and demand, including definitions, explanations, and examples of central concepts of price theory, such as incentives, competition between buyers and sellers, relative scarcity, equilibrium, and supply-and-demand schedules.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: The Supply Line

Learn about the phases of production and distribution that go into the creation of goods and services, including the allocation of productive resources and examples of opportunity costs.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: We Have a List of Demands

Learn about types of goods and services and the concepts that define them, such as fungibility, substitution, and public goods. Explore how consumer behavior defines and alters demand.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Discuss: I Want My MTV

Evaluate the factors that influence your purchasing decisions.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Project: The Economy in Action: Costs and Prices

Research prices of products and services that are of interest to you and that are currently offered on the Internet, along with the costs of providing those products and services.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 20 points

Quiz: Supply and Demand: It's the Law

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: GET A JOB

Study: The Labor Market

Learn about the effects of the changing demand for goods and services, the impact of education and training on worker productivity, and the way the laws of supply and demand create different wage levels among jobs and professions.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: The Times They Are A-Changin'

Explore the impact of rapid changes in technology, globalization, and international competition on wages.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Labor Unions

Learn about how labor unions influence wage levels and garner benefits for their members, the effects of unionization, the minimum wage, and unemployment insurance.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Practice: You Do the Math

Calculate the annual incomes for various wage rates and compare them to measurements of prosperity, such as the poverty line and the median income.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: Get a Job

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 3: FIND A PLACE TO LIVE

Study: The Housing Market

Learn about the factors that influence prices in different housing markets, such as homes, apartments, and commercial real estate.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: City Mouse, Country Mouse

Explore different kinds of development that affect the housing market in cities, suburbs, and rural areas.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Practice: Rent or Buy?

Find rent and housing prices in selected markets and list pros and cons for each housing choice.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Journal: Your Dream House

Respond to several questions about your current and ideal housing situations.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Quiz: Find a Place to Live

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 4: THE UPS AND DOWNS OF THE ECONOMY

Study: Specialization, Competition, and Trade

Explore the ways that specialization, competition, and trade increase productivity and raise the standard of living.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: A Roller-Coaster Ride

Learn about the factors that inhibit and spur economic growth and cause expansions and recessions, including the business cycle, international events, and forces such as weather and natural disasters. Explore the causes of inflation and the basic methods of controlling inflation.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: What's So Special about Alienation?

Read Karl Marx's explanation for why workers feel estranged and suffer from alienation.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: We're Slashing Prices . . .

Find out how Zappos can undersell most other shoe sellers and how Amazon can undersell most other online retailers.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Practice: Higher or Lower?

Analyze how events affect the prices of common goods and services.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: The Ups and Downs of the Economy

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 5: THE PRICE IS RIGHT WRAP-UP**Review: The Price Is Right**

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins

Test (CS): The Price Is Right

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

Test (TS): The Price Is Right

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC**Diagnostic: The Price Is Right**

Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 4: MONEY, MONEY, MONEY**LESSON 1: MONEY IN THE BANK****Study: Show Me the Money**

Learn what money is. Explore its forms and functions.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Money, Money — Read All about It!

Read about the history of North American currency, including seashells and early paper money.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Take It to the Bank

Get an overview of the U.S. banking system and learn how fractional-reserve banking works.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: The Money Supply

Learn how the money supply is regulated, including the Federal Reserve's role in setting monetary policy, regulating the fractional-reserve banking system, setting interest rates, and creating money.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Practice: Creating and Destroying Money

Determine the effect of Federal Reserve decisions on the size of the money supply.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: Take It to the Bank

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: THE STOCK MARKET**Study: Own a Piece of the Pie**

Learn about the nature of publicly traded businesses and the role of stock markets in selling shares of ownership in those businesses.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Buy Low, Sell High

Learn about factors that influence stock prices, including dividends, revenue, and volume of trading.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Journal: Following a Stock

Pick a stock that you think will perform well and follow its price as it goes up and down; produce a report on its behavior.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Playing the Market

Speculate on the effects that different events have on the price of certain stocks.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: The Stock Market

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 3: MORE MARKETS**Study: Gold, Silver, and Pork Bellies**

Learn about commodity markets and compare them to stock markets.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Bond, Not James Bond

Learn about the bond market, including different forms of bonds, their returns and ratings, and why some are more volatile than others.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Buying and Selling Money

Learn about the currency-exchange market, the factors that influence exchange rates, and the effects on consumers, producers, and the U.S. economy when the dollar gains or loses value relative to other currencies.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Practice: You Do the Math

Calculate the effect of increases and decreases in the value of the dollar on prices of specific foreign goods.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Discuss: It Takes Money to Make Money

Discuss the validity of making money, not by producing or selling a good or service, but by investing money — specifically by buying and selling money (or bonds or stocks).

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Quiz: More Markets

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 4: FINANCING A BUSINESS

Study: A Real Adventure

Learn how venture capital provides a source of investment money for new companies. Explore how venture capital compares to small-business or commercial loans.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Going Public

Learn about the process of becoming a publicly traded company, how going public affects a company, and the benefits and challenges of issuing stock.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Project: The Economy in Action: Securing Financing

Find out about getting a large business loan or making an IPO in order to get additional funding to expand a business's operations.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: The Loan Ranger

Calculate the monthly payments for types of loans that vary by term and interest rate.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: Financing a Business

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 5: MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

Review: Money, Money, Money

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins

Test (CS): Money, Money, Money

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

Test (TS): Money, Money, Money

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic: Money, Money, Money

Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 5: THE GOVERNMENT GETS INVOLVED

LESSON 1: TAXES AND TARIFFS

Study: How Can I Tax You? Let Me Count the Ways

Learn about different methods of taxation and their effects, including whether each is regressive or progressive.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Tariffs

Learn about the use of tariffs and their effect on competition, domestic prices, and international trade.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Discuss: Fairness in Taxation

Discuss whether tariffs used to protect domestic industry by raising foreign prices are legitimate or an unnecessary and

illegitimate invasion of the free market.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Read: Political Economy

Read a brief excerpt from Jean Jacques Rousseau's essay *Discourse on Political Economy*.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins

Practice: You Do the Math

Calculate the differences in the tax burden on given earners as a result of taxes other than the personal income tax.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: Taxes and Tariffs

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: THE GOVERNMENT IS A CONSUMER

Study: Your Tax Dollars at Work

Learn about the different roles the government plays in the game of economics. Find out about the impact that government decisions have on the economy and the operations of the free market.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Public Goods

Learn about public goods. Explore the necessity and the effect of government's role in providing these goods.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Practice: Public or Private?

Determine if certain goods are public or private. Consider whether government provision of these goods is necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: The Government Is a Consumer

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 3: THE GOVERNMENT IS A REFEREE

Study: Keeping the Free Market Free

Learn about laws designed to ensure that the free-market system remains free, such as antifraud and antimonopoly laws. Explore the economic effects of these laws.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Protecting Consumers

Learn about consumer-protection laws and how they affect consumer and producer decisions.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Go with the Flow

Learn how government regulations affect the circular-flow model.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Project: The Economy in Action: Keeping the Government Happy

Consider what kinds of government regulations, policies, taxes, tariffs, subsidies, and support — or the lack thereof — would most help your Internet business.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: The Cost of Obedience

Find out about the costs that businesses incur in order to comply with various government regulations.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: The Government Is a Referee

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 4: THE GOVERNMENT IS A POLICE OFFICER

Study: Limiting Economic Choices

Learn about laws that limit or prohibit certain kinds of economic choices, such as price controls, minimum-wage laws, banking regulations, and quotas.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Limiting Other Choices

Explore laws that restrict citizens' personal choices. Consider the economic effects of such laws.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Journal: Law Abiding Citizen

Reflect on the ways that laws directly or indirectly influence your economic behavior and affect your choices as a consumer, producer, and worker.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: What's the Effect?

Consider the economic and noneconomic effects of various government restrictions.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: The Government Is a Police Officer

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 5: THE GOVERNMENT GETS INVOLVED WRAP-UP

Review: The Government Gets Involved

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins

Test (CS): The Government Gets Involved

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

Test (TS): The Government Gets Involved

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic: The Government Gets Involved

Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 6: THE GLOBAL GAME BOARD

LESSON 1: IT'S A SMALL WORLD

Study: Special of the Day: Specialization

Learn how trade among countries and specialization affect standards of living and economic growth.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Global Patterns

Learn how the possession of certain natural resources and the development of infrastructure (including transportation and communication networks) have affected international economic patterns.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Dependency Theory

Read excerpts from Vincent Ferraro's essay on dependency theory.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins

Practice: You Do the Math

Calculate how the price of certain imported goods would be affected if they were produced by workers making the

American minimum wage.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: It's a Small World

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Study: The International Banking System

Learn about the international banking system, including similarities and differences between it and the American system and the dynamics of capital mobility and international investment.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: World Economic Government?

Learn about the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and World Trade Organization and the role these quasigovernmental institutions play in the international economy, particularly in spreading global liberalization and aiding development.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: The Power of Money

Explore the use of economic instruments — such as boycotts, embargoes, and trade sanctions — that governments and international organizations use to influence international policy.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Journal: Human-Rights Embargo

Investigate the source of products you own or regularly use; reflect on the international diversity (or lack thereof) reflected by items you purchase.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: What in the World?

Look at the economic effects of WTO policies on selected industries and nations.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: International Organizations

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 3: THE CHALLENGES OF GLOBALIZATION

Study: Problems for the World

Learn about issues created by globalization, including economic development, the environment, labor movements, and human rights.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Problems for the United States

Learn about problems that globalization poses for Americans, including loss of jobs, the trade deficit, and foreign ownership of American companies.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Discuss: Human Rights Versus Trade

Discuss the United States' choice to grant most-favored-nation status to China despite that nation's continuing human-rights violations.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Practice: Solving World Problems

Select a challenge posed by globalization. Discuss different approaches to solving this problem and assess the strengths and weaknesses of those solutions.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Project: The Economy in Action: Going Global

Conduct research on expanding your Internet business overseas for production or distribution.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 20 points

Quiz: The Challenges of Globalization

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 4: THE GLOBAL GAME BOARD WRAP-UP

Review: The Global Game Board

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins

Test (CS): The Global Game Board

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

Test (TS): The Global Game Board

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 5: DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic: The Global Game Board

Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 7: PLAYING THE GAME YOURSELF: PERSONAL FINANCE

LESSON 1: MAKING CHOICES

Study: Make a List, Check It Twice

Review the tools of cost-benefit analysis and explore how they relate to the individual choices that young people face.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: A Place to Call Home

Explore various considerations related to housing, including the difference between renting and buying, what it takes to get an apartment, how to pay for an apartment, and what it takes to buy a house.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Covering Yourself

Learn about the purposes of insurance, the different forms of insurance available to consumers (including life, health, car, and rental), and the factors that influence insurance rates.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Practice: Take It or Leave It

Evaluate various job offers using the tools of economic analysis from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: Making Choices

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: PLANNING AHEAD

Study: Checking and Savings

Learn about different types of personal bank accounts and the advantages and disadvantages of each type.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Making a Budget

Learn about the use of a budget in making personal economic decisions and planning for the future.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: The Importance of Money Management

Read about savings rates, credit cards, and the problems that some people have managing their money.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins

Journal: Figuring Out Your Expenses

Write about the various expenses that you would need to include in a personal budget both now and in the future; estimate the amount of money you would need to budget for those expenses.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: You Do the Math

Calculate the range of likely returns for different investment options.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: Planning Ahead

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 3: GIVE ME SOME CREDIT**Study: Just a Loan?**

Learn about different forms of loans, such as car, student, home, small-business, and commercial loans.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Explore: Paying for College

Research and write about college-fund options and different types of educational loans.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 25 points

Study: You Get the Credit

Learn about credit cards, including the role of credit history, differences between credit cards and other loans, and how credit cards differ from other forms of credit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Practice: You Do the Math

Calculate the difference in payments between a credit-card-financed car purchase and a car loan using different interest rates and payback periods.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Quiz: Give Me Some Credit

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 4: THE RESPONSIBLE CONSUMER**Study: Money Isn't Everything**

Explore various noneconomic considerations that consumers must take into account when attempting to reconcile their values and morals with their economic behavior.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Doing Something About It

Learn about the various methods consumers can use to influence the moral behavior of producers, including boycotts, writing letters, and calls for government regulation.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Discuss: Taking Action (Or Not)

Discuss the practice of boycotting stores that sell products made by companies that engage in practices to which you object.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Practice: Taking Responsibility

Answer questions based on the actions that responsible consumers have to be able to take for themselves.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

Project: The Economy in Action: Social Responsibility

Reflect on the various ways that your company could function in a socially responsible manner; reflect on your personal values and morals.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Quiz: The Responsible Consumer

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 5: PLAYING THE GAME YOURSELF: PERSONAL FINANCE WRAP-UP**Review: Playing the Game Yourself: Personal Finance**

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins

Test (CS): Playing the Game Yourself: Personal Finance

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

Test (TS): Playing the Game Yourself: Personal Finance

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC**Diagnostic: Playing the Game Yourself: Personal Finance**

Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 8: U.S. AND GLOBAL ECONOMICS REVIEW AND EXAM**LESSON 1: U.S. AND GLOBAL ECONOMICS****Review: U.S. and Global Economics**

Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts covered in U.S. and Global Economics.

Duration: 3 hrs

Exam: U.S. and Global Economics

Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in U.S. and Global Economics.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 60 points

Final Exam: U.S. and Global Economics

Take a teacher-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in U.S. and Global Economics.

Duration: 1 hr 20 mins Scoring: 100 points