

Economics 12
Communication Plan
Sydney Academy
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Room 202

Economics is a dynamic social science, which deals mainly about the concept of scarcity and the problems of resource allocation. This course is fairly comprehensive, and is interrelated with other disciplines such as History, Political Science, Psychology, Mathematics, Sociology, and issues of Technology.

Aims and Objectives

In this course, many different topics will be covered such as: Market Systems and how they work, Gross Domestic Product, Consumer Price Indexes, Inflation, Unemployment Rates, Productivity, Aggregate Demand, Fiscal Policy, Control of the Money Supply, International Trade, etc. The topics are very diverse, but they deal mainly with Macroeconomic theory. Present day examples will be used in the classroom to help put these economic theories into perspective. This will consist of current newspaper articles, websites, and documentary footage.

This course is designed to help students think critically about the importance of economics, and the importance of our economic system to our culture and society. Several different economic systems around the world will be examined, and comparison made with how they function as compared to our current economic system. It is expected that after taking this course students will be able to think critically about economics, economic systems in general, as well as have an acute understanding of the role government plays in our economic system.

Student Assessment and Attendance

Attendance is very important in this course which is made up of 110 hours of classroom instruction. Any student who misses habitually will not meet the outcomes of this course and will not complete it successfully as a consequence. It is essential that students attend every class as a fair amount of ground will be covered each day. Unless there are severe extenuating

circumstances, students are expected to be present for this class. All papers and assignments should be passed in on or before the due date. Late assignments will not be accepted. You can have a parent, guardian, or classmate pass in an assignment by bringing it to the main office. Missed tests and assignments that have a legitimate excuse may be prorated.

Students in class will be expected to treat one another and their teacher with respect at all times. Any type of behavior that interferes with the educational experience of other students in the class will be dealt with immediately. If the behavior continues, more drastic measures may be applied by the school administration to deal with it.

The marking scheme of this course will be as follows:

55%: Test, Essays, Assignments, Homework, Short Papers

30%: Final Exam

15%: Mid-Term Examination which will be split 30/70 for the November Progress Report.

Communication

Communications with parents or guardians can be made through the usual channels such as parent teacher meetings. If further communication is required, such as a telephone call or personal meeting, I can be contacted through the main office at 562-5464. Homework and assignments will also be placed on the Sydney Academy Homework Hotline which can be accessed through the school website www.sacademy.cbv.ns.ca.

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Student's Name (Please Print)

Name and Section of Course

Parent/Guardian's Name

Parent/Guardian's e-mail address