

AKGrad Economics

Course Information:

0.5 Credit

Asynchronous Spark Course

Course Site: <https://akgrad.sparkeducation.com/>

Course Description:

In this course, students will learn basic economic theories in both macroeconomics and microeconomics, as well as investigate how those theories operate in political thought. The course also emphasizes personal finance, basic business practices, and examines wealth disparity in the United States.

Course Organization: The course is divided into twenty-two lessons contained in six units. Lessons are mostly text with some links to outside resources. Lessons are followed by a quiz or assignment. Students complete lessons and assignments while simultaneously reading the biography *Start Something That Matters* by Blake Mycoskie.

Materials Required:

- Computer or tablet with Internet access
- The biography *Start Something That Matters* by Blake Mycoskie

Academic Dishonesty: With most correspondence courses as well as AKGrad & YKSD, honesty of parents and students is essential. If an AK Grad teacher confirms that a student has plagiarized work or used AI, the student will receive a 0 and be subject to consequences determined by their school of record.

Grading: In this course you will be graded on quizzes, assignments, discussion questions, a final project, and two post-assessments.

- **Quizzes:** There are 2 quizzes. Quizzes are mostly computer scored and you can see your incorrect answers immediately so you can retake if necessary. The question format is largely multiple choice but may also include fill-in-the-blank, matching, or short answer. It is also permissible to use notes, study materials, and books on the quizzes. You have 2 tries to take each quiz and additional attempts can be given upon request.
- **Assignments:** There are 19 assignments. Assignments are teacher graded and require you to create a document or media to demonstrate your understanding of the material. Writing assignments vary in length from one paragraph to one page.

Assignments are scored on how well you backup your answers with evidence from the course material and your investigations.

- **Discussion Questions:** You are required to read the biography *Start Something That Matters* by Blake Mycoskie and then meet with your instructor to discuss it. You will discuss two chapters at each meeting, for a total of four meetings.
- **Final Project:** For the final project, you will take all the knowledge you have learned throughout the semester and create your own 5-page business proposal.
- **Post-Assessments:** Post-assessments are cumulative. There is a post-assessment at the end of each quarter. The question format is largely multiple choice but may also include fill-in-the-blank, matching, or short answer.

The following grading scale will be used for determining your final grade. After completing the course with a "D-" or better you will receive one Carnegie credit from the Yukon Koyukuk School District.

Percent	Grade
97% - 100%	A+
93% - 96%	A
90% - 92%	A-
87% - 89%	B+
83% - 86%	B
80% - 82%	B-
77% - 79%	C+
73% - 76%	C
70% - 72%	C-
67% - 69%	D+
63% - 66%	D
60% - 62%	D-
< 60%	F

Course Schedule: Though you are in charge of your own schedule, we will encourage you to create a schedule for completing the course. As your teacher, I will support you in

meeting your goals. A pacing guide is provided in the course. The following is a list of Units that need to be completed.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Unit: Welcome to Economics● Unit: Economic Principles● Unit: Banking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Unit: An Introduction to business● Unit: Introduction to Global Poverty● Unit: Start Something that Matters

Subject to Change

This syllabus and schedule are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances. Your instructor will notify you of changes via Spark announcements.