

# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

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## Money Matters A



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## Money Matters A Course Overview

Students will explore global economics, and the impact of the free enterprise system on business and consumers. Students will learn about their financial options and goal-setting based on existing and projected economic indicators. Investments, income taxes, asset planning will also be investigated, as will risk management, and retirement and estate planning.

- **Decisions, Decisions:** Students explore economics as a social science focusing on decision making by looking at cost-benefit analysis, scarcity, marginal costs and benefits, and the allocation of resources. Students examine factors that influence the decision-making process and will be able to compare and contrast the efficiency of different market structures.
- **Economic Roles:** Learn to describe the roles of consumers, producers, and laborers in the economy, as well as examining how those roles and government regulations impact the economy
- **How the Market Works:** Students will examine the marketplace economy through the laws of supply and demand, the role that prices and competition play, and the laws of supply and demand are identified.
- **Market Structure and Regulation:** This unit explores markets with and without price controls, different kinds of market structures, and imperfect market structures such as monopolistic competition and oligopoly. Students also learn about wage structures and the role of the government in the economy, antitrust laws and government regulations that make companies take responsibility for negative externalities, and the world of international trade.
- **Macroeconomics:** Students are introduced to the study of the whole economy with a focus on how the choices of all firms and markets effects a country, including GDP, GNP, economic growth, and the role of government, money supply, and fiscal policy.

Unit 1: Decisions, Decisions	
Assignments	
1. Course Overview	12. What Does It Really Cost?
2. What Is Economics?	13. Project: Efficient Decision Making
3. Research and Methods	14. Quiz 2
4. Cost-Benefit Analysis	15. What is Personality?
5. A World of Scarcity	16. Free Will vs. Determinism
6. Resources	17. Social Influence and Conformity
7. Quiz 1	18. Lifespan Development
8. Introduction to Financial Literacy	19. Quiz 3
9. Wants, Desires, and Preferences	20. Special Project*
10. Taking Responsibility	21. Test
11. Self-Assessment	

Unit 2: Economic Roles	
Assignments	
1. Making Choices	12. Intellectual Property Rights
2. Marginal Analysis	13. Monetary Systems
3. Allocation Methods	14. Compare Monetary Systems
4. Quiz 1	15. Quiz 3
5. Markets	16. Organizing Productive Effort
6. Consumers	17. Borrow, Invest, Speculate
7. Producers	18. The Federal Government
8. Labor	19. The Federal Reserve
9. Project: Participating in the Economy	20. Quiz 4
10. Quiz 2	21. Special Project*
11. Antitrust Laws and Property Rights	22. Test

Unit 3: How The Market Works		
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	1. The Market's Use in the Economy	9. Price and Quantity
	2. The Importance of Competition	10. Equilibrium Price and Quantity
	3. Quiz 1	11. The Meaning of Equilibrium
	4. Law of Demand	12. Project: The Equilibrium Price
	5. Law of Demand: Influential Factors	13. Quiz 3
	6. Supply	14. Special Project*
	7. Supply: Influential Factors	15. Test
	8. Quiz 2	

Unit 4: Market Structure and Regulation		
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	1. Market Efficiency: No Price Controls	11. Quiz 3
	2. Market Inefficiency: Price Controls	12. Government Regulations: Environment, Anti-Trust, and Trade
	3. Project: Price Controls	13. Government Regulations: Incentives and Resource Allocation
	4. Quiz 1	14. Project: Discussing Environmental Regulations
	5. Market Power and Competition	15. Quiz 4
	6. Market Structures: Monopoly	16. Special Project*
	7. Market Structures: Perfect Competition	17. Test
	8. Quiz 2	
	9. Labor: Its Division and Its Organization	
	10. Wage and Price Discrimination	

Unit 5: The Macroeconomy		
Money Matters A	Assignments	
	1. Looking at the Macroeconomy	9. Quiz 2
	2. Total Output, Total Income, GDP, GNP	10. Labor Market
	3. Calculating the Gross Domestic Product	11. Money, Inflation, and Interest Rates
	4. Quiz 1	12. Monetary Policy vs. Fiscal Policy
	5. Economic Growth	13. Project: Is Monetary Policy Effective?
	6. Well-Being - The Standard of Living	14. Quiz 3
	7. Comparing Well-Being Around the World	15. Special Project*
	8. The Government's Role in Economics	16. Test

(\*) Indicates alternative assignment