

# Syllabus: Economics and Financial Literacy

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Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Col. 2:3

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**Texts:** Economics; supplementary readings, books, and articles; and the Holy Bible.

## Course Summary:

This course explores the fundamentals that guide individuals and nations as they make choices about how to use limited resources to satisfy their wants. More specifically, it examines the ability of individuals to use knowledge and skills to manage limited financial resources effectively for a lifetime of financial security. All of these concepts are framed within a biblical understanding of material possessions and God's grace and provision.

## Expectations:

Because so much of this course is conducted in-class, your presence and participation are essential. Come prepared and on-time. Projects and other assignments must be turned in at the designated time. If this is ever a problem, or if you ever need help with *anything* in this class, please communicate with me.

## Grades:

There are two grading periods for this class (nine weeks each). Grades will be assigned according to the MCS Grading and Grade Point Scale. Below is an approximate breakdown of grades by category for each grading period:

- Tests/Projects: 50%
- Participation/Activities: 25%
- Assignments: 25%

**Topics:** Students will study Economics and Financial Literacy within topic frames based on Ohio Learning Standards. Time spent on a particular topic may vary as needed, to be completed within the semester allotment.

- Economic Decision Making and Skills
- Fundamentals of Economics
- Government and the Economy
- Global Economy
- Working and Earning
- Financial Responsibility and Money Management
- Saving and Investing
- Credit and Debt
- Risk Management

**Disclaimer:** As the course instructor, I reserve the right to modify the parameters of this course (including topic items and their order, grade distribution and categories, etc.) as necessary to meet the needs of the class and/or respond to unforeseen events (snow days, etc.).

*The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender. – Proverbs 22:7*

*Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it. – Proverbs 21:20*

*"Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." – Luke 12:15*

*Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest? – Luke 19:23*

*The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts. – Haggai 2:8*

*For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. – 2 Thessalonians 3:10*