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Economics and Personal Finance Course Syllabus Spring 2019

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Description: Students learn how economies and markets operate and how the United States economy is interconnected with the global economy. Additionally, they learn how to navigate the financial decisions they must face and to make informed decisions relating to career exploration, budgeting, banking, credit, insurance, spending, financing postsecondary education, taxes, saving and investing, buying/leasing a vehicle, and living independently. They also learn the importance of investing in themselves in order to gain the knowledge and skills valued in the marketplace. Development of financial literacy skills and an understanding of economic principles will provide the basis for responsible citizenship, more effective participation in the workforce, and career success. The course incorporates all economics and financial literacy objectives included in the Code of Virginia §22.1-200-03B.

Industry Certification: WISE® Financial Literacy Test (WISE = “Working in Support of Education”)

Materials: A variety of print and online content-area exercises and resources provided and/or recommended by VDOE, NEFE HSFP (National Endowment for Financial Education’s High School Financial Planning Program), Financial Literacy Coalition, Virginia Council for Economic Education, JMU’s Center for Economic Education, etc.

Technology: Windows® 10 desktop computers, with Microsoft® Office Professional 2016 and Internet access with Canvas® (for the ‘Online Learning Component’)

Supplies Needed: Binder, pen/pencil, highlighter

Expectations of Students: Excellent attendance, prompt arrival to class, good attitude, good manners, good classroom behavior, good work ethic, willingness to learn, ability to read and follow directions, ability to work independently and in groups, completion of computer assignments at school in accordance with the Acceptable Use Policy.

Grading: Grades will be calculated using Augusta County’s grading scale with the following weights:

Classwork	50%
Tests/Quizzes/Projects	40%
Work Habits and Participation	10%

State of Virginia Standards of Learning (SOLs):

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/economics_personal_finance/

- EPF.1 Demonstrate knowledge of basic economic concepts and structures
- EPF.2 Demonstrate knowledge of the role of producers and consumers in a market economy
- EPF.3 Demonstrate knowledge of the price system
- EPF.4 Demonstrate knowledge that many factors affect income
- EPF.5 Demonstrate knowledge of a nation’s economic goals, including full employment, stable prices, and economic growth
- EPF.6 Demonstrate knowledge of the nation’s financial system
- EPF.7 Demonstrate knowledge of how monetary and fiscal policy influence employment, output, and prices
- EPF.8 Demonstrate knowledge of the role of government in a market economy
- EPF.9 Demonstrate knowledge of the global economy
- EPF.10 Develop consumer skills
- EPF.11 Demonstrate knowledge of planning for living and leisure expenses
- EPF.12 Demonstrate knowledge of banking transactions
- EPF.13 Demonstrate knowledge of credit and loan functions
- EPF.14 Demonstrate knowledge of the role of insurance in risk management
- EPF.15 Demonstrate knowledge of income earning and reporting
- EPF.16 Demonstrate knowledge of taxes
- EPF.17 Demonstrate knowledge of personal financial planning
- EPF.18 Demonstrate knowledge of investment and savings planning

The SOLs listed above are correlated to the Career & Technical Education Competencies as stated by the Virginia Department of Education SOL Correlation by Task (http://www.cteresource.org/verso/courses/6120/economics-and-personal-finance-correlation/economics_and_personal_finance)

Correlated Applicable Standards of Learning (SOLs) (as stated by the Virginia Department of Education Related Standards of Learning (<http://www.cteresource.org/verso/courses/6120/economics-and-personal-finance-sols>))

- **English** 9.1, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7, 10.8, 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.5, 11.6, 11.7, 11.8, 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.5, 12.6, 12.7, 12.8
- **History and Social Science** WG.9, WHII.16, VUS.10, VUS.14, VUS.15, GOVT.3, GOVT.9, GOVT.11, GOVT.12, GOVT.14, GOVT.15, GOVT.16, GOVT.17, GOVT.18
- **Mathematics** A.1, A.4, A.7, A.10, All.9, DM.10, MA.14, PS.8