

ECONOMICS FOR TEACHERS 4910 SYLLABUS

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Text and Materials: Required: *Building a Better Economics Lesson*, McCorkle *et al*, and *Utah Economic Education Handbook*, Baker and Fannesbeck. Students will also be given a lesson book appropriate for their grade level. All books will be furnished by the SUU Center for Economic Education.

Objective: This course will provide students with an understanding of the 10 basic principles of economics with applications that can be used to enhance K-12 teaching. The class will cover Utah State Office of Education Standards in economics education, sources for instructional materials, and practice in developing lesson plans and activities in economic education. Students will be required to develop and deliver a lesson in a classroom.

Grading: The class will be taught as a directed reading class. Students will be graded on a test, homework assignment, their written lesson, and the presentation that they make in class. No late homework/papers will be accepted.

Test: (20 percent) Students will take a short multiple choice test over the principles.

Paper: (20 percent) Find a current events article on any topic of interest (newspaper, Newsweek, etc.). Write up a one-page report on the article, and apply it to one or more of the 10 economics principles. For example, an article on Utah State educational funding increases demonstrates Principle #1, that people face tradeoffs. More money spent on education means less money spent on roads, etc.

Lesson: (60 percent) Students will write an economic lesson appropriate for their grade level using the resources provided. This lesson should follow the basics as outlined in *Building a Better Economics Lesson*. Students will then present the lesson in a classroom.

Students with medical, psychological, learning or other disabilities desiring academic adjustments, accommodations, or auxiliary aids will need to contact Phone number (435) 586-7848. Student Support Services (Student Support Services, Room 205K, Sharwan Smith Center) determines eligibility for and authorizes the provision of these services and aids.