



Course Syllabus: Personal Finance and Economics

Course Description

Personal Finance and Economics offers the fundamentals of economic decision-making, microeconomics, macroeconomics, and international economics, students will learn personal finance skills they can apply to their own futures – including managing and balancing budgets; understanding and building credit; protecting against identity theft and consumer protections; and understanding tax forms, student loan applications, and pay stubs. Economics is the study of how individuals, businesses, and governments make decisions about the allocation of scarce resources. This course provides students with a foundation in the field of economics, with a specific focus on how students can apply that knowledge to their own personal finances.

Module 1 – Fundamental Economic Concepts
Module 2 – Microeconomics
Module 3 – Macroeconomics
Module 4 – Personal Finance and Decision Making
Module 5 – Personal Finance and Risk

Textbook

There is no required textbook for this course. All course content is digital and available in the online course modules.

Course Participation Policy

Students should follow the Course Schedule (located in Course Information area of course) and all course work must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM on the due date.

After the due date has passed, instructors will enter zeros in the Grade Center for work not submitted by the deadline. During student breaks and towards the end of the semester, students may have the opportunity to improve their course grade by completing and submitting work with grades of zero from earlier in the semester. Zeros will remain in the Grade Center until course work is submitted and evaluated by the instructor.

The CVA term ends prior to the end of the traditional school semester. The final date work will be accepted each term is posted on the CVA website (www.cobbvirtualacademy.org).

Grading

Grades for the course are calculated based on category percentages as follows:

Assignments = 35%
Quizzes = 15%
Discussion Boards = 10%

Tests = 20%
EOC = 20%

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the cornerstone of learning at CVA and we take the integrity and authenticity of student work very seriously. When academic integrity is maintained, students will make decisions based on values that will prepare them to be productive, meaningful, and ethical citizens.

Students are required to abide by the CVA Academic Integrity Policy. Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated. The CVA Academic Integrity Policy outlines the consequences if students fail to maintain academic integrity in their course. For additional information, the CVA Academic Integrity Policy is posted on the CVA website.

Additional General Information

- Students must complete the mandatory online CVA Student Orientation each term before any course work will be graded by the instructor. Only one Student Orientation is completed each term.
- All course work must be submitted through Blackboard in the format requested. Students should have access to Microsoft Office and submit assignments in that format. All CCSD students have access to the Office 365 Suite. Assignments submitted through email will not be accepted.
- The 'Grade before Final Exam/EOC' column in the student Grade Center shows the current grade for the course and is automatically calculated.
- All students must take the state-mandated End-of-Course (EOC) test. The EOC must be given in a CCSD facility and proctored by CCSD staff during testing periods established by the state. EOC testing date and time information is posted on the CVA website.