



Economics
Walt Whitman High School
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Course Description:

Welcome Seniors! This class looks at Economics by exploring how it has developed over time, how economic ideas have been used in the real world, and how well they have worked. Students will learn to think about economic problems, form their own opinions, and better understand how the economy works today and in the past. They will work on group and business projects, take part in class activities, read original documents, and write short and long answers.

Class Topics:

- Pre-modern Economic Theories
- Individualism & Liberty
- Fundamentals of Market Economies
- Free Market Pros & Cons
- Socialism & Communism
- State Interventionism
- Monetary & Fiscal Policy
- Labor Movements & Regulation
- Free Trade & Globalization

Classroom Procedures & Requirements:

1. Arrive to class on time everyday.
2. Class participation is an important part of your grade. You will be encouraged daily to participate and share what's on your mind!
3. No phones in class! We will adhere to the WWHS Guidelines and NYS Laws.
4. Chromebook must be charged and ready to go.

Grading Policy:

- Assessments - 55%
- Homework/ Classwork - 30%
- Participation - 15%

**** There will be a point deduction on all late assignments. ****

Attendance:

Class attendance will adhere to the district's attendance policies.

Attendance will be taken daily. Students are expected to attend class regularly.

Lateness to class will not be tolerated.

****You are all seniors and therefore graduating. I look forward to working with you all & fostering a successful experience for all of us!**

We are going to make this year a great one ! 😊 **

📵 Classroom Cell Phone & Personal Device Policy 📵 **(Effective 2026–2027, per NYS Law & WWHS Guidelines)**

To support a focused and respectful learning environment, **all personal cell phones, earbuds, smartwatches, and other internet-enabled devices must be turned off and stored in lockers by 7:18 AM**, as required by New York State law and Walt Whitman High School policy. Devices must remain in lockers for the entire school day.

Whitman Guidelines:

- A special bell will ring at 7:18 AM, signaling when devices must be stored. The school day begins at 7:25 AM.
- Devices are not permitted to be carried or used during the school day unless explicit permission has been granted by administration.
- To contact home, students may use phones located in the Main Office, Counseling Center, or Assistant Principals' Offices.
- Parents/guardians who need to reach their child during the school day should call the Main Office or appropriate Assistant Principal's Office. Students will be notified and can return the call from a school phone.

Violations & Consequences:

- **1st Offense:** Device is taken and held by Mrs. Hili-Carbone. Students must pick it up at the end of the day. Parents/guardians will be notified.
- **2nd Offense:** A parent/guardian must come to school to retrieve the device. A meeting will be required.
- **Further Offenses:** May result in detentions, suspension, and/or loss of privileges including after-school activities.
- **Refusal to surrender a device will result in serious disciplinary action per the Code of Conduct.**

If you have any questions or concerns about the cell phone/device ban, please let me or Mrs. Hili-Carbone know. Let's work together to keep our classroom distraction-free and focused on learning. Thank you for your support in upholding this policy!