

# Mr. Kotrodimos

## Economics

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### Grading Procedures:

Your grade will be determined from your individual point accumulation on problem sets, quizzes and exams. Any changes in grading will be done at the end of the semester. The grading scale will be as follows:

<i>100% to 90% of total possible points</i>	<i>= A</i>
<i>89% to 80% of total possible points</i>	<i>= B</i>
<i>79% to 70% of total possible points</i>	<i>= C</i>
<i>69% to 60% of total possible points</i>	<i>= D</i>
<i>Less than 60% of total possible points</i>	<i>= F</i>

There are 1,000 points in the class. Problem sets, exams, and quizzes are worth 800 points (80%). The mid-term and final exam are each worth 100 points (20% combined).

<i>Case Studies:</i>	0 points (used for discussion and participation)
<i>Activities:</i>	0 points (used to enrich class and learning)
<i>Stock Market Game:</i>	40 points (same points as a problem set)
<i>Quizzes:</i>	100 points ( <i>10 x 10pts.</i> )
<i>Problem Sets:</i>	160 points ( <i>4 x 40pts.</i> )
<i>Exams:</i>	500 points ( <i>5 x 100pts.</i> )
<i>Mid-term &amp; Final:</i>	200 points ( <i>2 x 100pts.</i> )
<i>Total Points:</i>	1,000

### Course Outline

#### Unit 1: Personal Finance

This unit will discuss the different means of budgeting and saving.

- 2 Quizzes
- 1 Problem Set
- 1 Exam

## **Unit 2: Foundations of Economics**

This unit will look at how economic analysis is used to understand our society.

- 2 Quizzes
- 1 Problem Set
- 1 Exam

## **Unit 3: Microeconomics**

This unit will use supply and demand models to understand behavior, prices and quantity.

- 2 Quizzes
- 1 Problem Set
- 1 Exam

## **Unit 4: Macro Measures**

This unit will discuss the three main economic measurement tools: Gross Domestic Products (GDP), unemployment, and inflation.

- 2 Quizzes
- 1 Problem Set
- 1 Exam
- Film: *Inequality for All*

## **Unit 5: Macroeconomics and Trade**

In this unit we will use Aggregate Supply and Demand models to understand the effects of Monetary and Fiscal Policies.

- 2 Quizzes
- 1 Problem Set
- 1 Exam

## **Materials Needed Daily:**

Pencil and/or Pen (blue or black ink only)

A notebook/folder for notes

Graph Paper (this is optional but many students find it beneficial)

I would highly recommend you purchase a 2” or 3” three-ring binder for your class materials.

## **Assignments and Understanding:**

Most work in class will need to be completed before the test. Make sure I get it by then. If you need more time, take it—but you must **OK** it with me first! Please remember, any work assigned to you that is not handed in/completed will be given a zero. If you miss class on a “hand-in day” for any reason other than a documented emergency, your work will be counted late. It must be handed in the day it is due. Email it, take pictures on your phone and send it to me, or give it to a friend.

## **Attendance & Tardy Policy:**

### **The Importance of Attendance**

Student attendance closely matches and nearly always mirrors academic achievement. Students who are absent from school miss the introduction of new material as well as the benefits of interacting with their peers in discussion, activities and presentations. Our attendance policy is designed to involve you as the parent through communication from the office and individual teachers, as well as to teach students to be responsible and academically accountable.

Students who are chronically or habitually absent may be asked by their grade level administrator to provide documentation for excessive absences from medical personnel. Ideally, all attempts should be made by parents to schedule orthodontist, dentist and doctor appointments before or after school. Family vacations should be scheduled during school breaks.

### **Extra- Curricular Activities**

Students who are excessively absent, failing courses or have grades below a D, may be denied the ability to participate in field trips or other extra-curricular activities. This includes all athletic events as well as performing arts and other club events.

### **Make Up Work**

Students with unexcused absences may not be given the opportunity to make up missed work, based on individual teacher classroom policies and may even be denied credit for the course once they have missed more than 10 days in a semester. School excused activities (field trips, athletic, performing arts events, etc.) do not count toward a student's absences.

Our goal is to help your student be successful by encouraging them to attend school whenever possible. Please work with your child's counselor and grade level administrator should circumstances arise which impact their ability to attend school.

### **Tardies**

Students who arrive to class late are a distraction to the students in class as well as to their teacher. After looking closely at where tardies were the highest we decided last year to implement a sweep program. This has had a tremendously positive impact on getting students to first hour on time. As a result we will continue the sweep program this year. Students who are tardy to first hour will be swept (sent to the cafeteria) and will not be allowed to attend class unless they have a test that day. They must see their teacher during lunch or after school to collect any work they may have missed the same day as the sweep occurred. After 5

sweeps the administration will assign additional consequences ranging from detention to Saturday School.

Classroom detention may be assigned to students who are tardy during hours 2-7 upon the 4th or 5th tardy. Once a classroom detention has been served, students with additional tardies may be issued a referral to an administrator who may assign additional detention, campus work detail or Saturday School.

Please encourage your child to leave the house early enough to account for traffic and get to school on time.

### Behavior:

I expect you are all adults. The following behavior will be expected of you:

1. Bring required materials daily.
2. Be in your seat when the bell rings and begin the assignment on the overhead/board.
3. Respect one another.
4. Have fun (as much as you can at school) and put forth effort.

### Join Remind:

Follow along with class announcements:

Sample text message, *“Students, don’t forget to check out the webpage for the new problem set!”*

Tell people to text @mrpnk to the number 81010

They'll receive a welcome text from Remind.

If anyone has trouble with 81010, they can try texting @mrpnk to (928) 792-4236.

