



Class Title: Red Economics

Teacher Name: Candice Braun

Class Day: Friday

Class Size: 15

Class Cost: \$80

Class Fee: \$96

Ages or color group served: Red

What level is this class: Level 3

Prerequisites: Preferred, not required: US Government (from F2025)

Graduation Requirements: - HCU Attendance Policy

- Active Participation

- Weekly homework completion

- Submit all graded assignments and projects by due date

- Pass class with at least a 70% or higher average
- Complete final capstone assignment

Homework Requirements: Reading and homework will be assigned every week and tested upon next class

Class Description:

This RED-level course fulfills the South Carolina high school economics graduation requirement and is the second half of the typical Government & Economics pairing (Government offered Fall 2025).

Note: While this course is commonly taken after a Government course, it is not a prerequisite for enrollment. Students who have not yet completed Government will need to plan to take it separately to meet graduation requirements.

This is not a public school, read-the-textbook course. I hold a double major bachelor's degree in Business Management and Business Finance, and I am an entrepreneur who has founded and currently owns and operates multiple businesses. I actively apply economic principles every day in both business operations and financial decision-making. Students will benefit from learning economics from someone who not only understands the theory but also lives it in the real world — ensuring they meet the high school standards while gaining practical, applicable knowledge they can carry into adulthood.

We will use the BJU Press Economics textbook as a companion resource to ensure all SC standards are covered, but this is not a “BJU Economics” course. The textbook serves as the structured at-home reading, while class time is built around original lectures, guided discussions, and custom-designed activities, simulations, and projects that I have created or adapted specifically for this co-op format.

Each week, students complete targeted reading at home, then arrive at class for immediate assessment and deeper learning through either an in-depth lecture/discussion or interactive application, depending on the topic. All weekly assessments, in-class participation, and the final capstone project will be graded, and a satisfactory overall grade is required to earn credit.

Week 1:

Introduction to the course, overview of expectations, and a hands-on simulation exploring scarcity and opportunity cost.

Week 2:

Scarcity & Opportunity Cost

Lecture and discussion on the basics of economics, trade-offs, and opportunity costs with guided real-life examples and analyzation.

Week 3:

Economic Systems

Activity-based exploration of different economic systems, comparing pros and cons, and analyzing how they work in practice.

Week 4:

Supply & Demand

Interactive market simulation to demonstrate shortages, surpluses, and equilibrium, with students applying supply and demand concepts.

Week 5:

Market Structures

Lecture and guided discussion on perfect competition, monopolies, oligopolies, and monopolistic competition, including real-world examples.

Week 6:

GDP, unemployment, inflation

Lecture with real-world practice interpreting data and understanding how economists measure economic health.

Week 7:

Fiscal Policy

Midterm Exam

Midterm followed by a lecture exploring government spending, taxation, and fiscal tools used to manage the economy and how it affects its movement.

Week 8:

Monetary Policy

Lecture on the federal reserve, interest rates, and monetary policy tools, with connections to real-world economic events in recent history.

Week 9:

International Econ

Trade simulation where students act as "countries" with limited resources, learning about trade benefits, barriers, and current agreements.

Week 10:

Budgeting & Saving

Workshop on personal budgeting and saving, where students build and manage a budget using real-world scenarios that tie back into inflation and taxation results.

Week 11:

Credit, Debt, and Investing

Activity-based exploration of credit scores, borrowing, and investing basics, including a mock stock portfolio challenge.

Week 12:

Insurance & Consumer Rights

Final Exam

Capstone Presentations

Final exam and student presentations of capstone projects, demonstrating applied understand of economics concepts studied.