Catalog Course Description:

This is an introductory course in which students learn to describe and analyze the performance and policies of national economic systems, with an emphasis on the US economy. It is intended for Economics or Business majors as well as to satisfy General Education requirements. Topics include production possibilities and tradeoffs; comparative economic systems; functions of government; national income and employment; business cycles; money and banking; monetary and fiscal policy; comparative advantage and trade policy; economic growth and stability; and income distribution and poverty.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Given a situation of an economic choice, explain the opportunity cost in terms of the alternative use of resources.
2. Given a description of a modern economy, including primary national income, students will evaluate the types and causes of the macroeconomic problems in the situation, propose an appropriate fiscal policy to stabilize the economy.
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7. Given a description of a modern economy, including inflation and employment measures, students will evaluate the types and causes of the macroeconomic problems in the situation, propose an appropriate fiscal policy to stabilize the economy.
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10. Students should have the ability to think critically in order to understand social issues. (General Studies: Social Sciences AS Degree SLO)
11. Students be able to analyze a business situation and recommend a plan for improvement using a general set of functional areas of business which include: management, marketing and finance in the business environment. (Business Administration AA Degree SLO)
By logging into Canvas you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in BP 5500 (Standards of Conduct) and AP 5520 (Student Conduct Procedures) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the college.

This is NOT a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

**Textbook:** Please consult the Bookstore for information at (562) 463-7345 or go to Rio Hondo College Online Bookstore

**This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:**

- Class Activities: Weekly discussion boards, weekly assignments (feedback to be given within 24-48 hours of submission)
- Announcements (please check regularly)
- E-mail correspondence (hbaldovino@riohondo.edu), or thru Canvas Messaging

**The instructor may drop you for non-participation.**

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Canvas.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Distance Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientation can be found at: [http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation/](http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation/)

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the Disabled Students & Programs office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

**Modifications and Disclaimer:** The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade.