

Honors Government/ Economics Syllabus – Mr. Ken Littlejohn

Class description – Economics is a social science. The science of economics uses data to analyze, interpret, and predict the behavior of individuals and institutions based upon incentives. The goal of a study of economics is to teach a student how to evaluate choices.

In United States Government, students examine the theory and practice of American government. The course is designed to provide a comprehensive introduction to fundamental political concepts that will provide students with the knowledge and skills they need in order to understand and participate wisely in the American political system.

Class attendance – Attendance is necessary as well as mandatory. Excessive absences or tardies will not be tolerated. **An excess of absences could result in a denial of credit.**

Materials – The student should bring a notebook with paper as well as a pencil or pen to class every day. Colored pencils are useful but not required.

Outside readings – *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson for American Government

Nickel and Dimed : On (Not) Getting By In America by Barbara Ehrenreich
for Economics

Both of these books will be supplied by me but students are allowed to buy their own copy if they wish.

Grading - Students are graded every nine weeks on the following criteria :

Major test average = 50% of grade - there are a minimum of 3 major tests per nine weeks

Daily and quiz average = 50% of grade

Semester exam = 10% of the semester grade

The student's final will be determined from the average of each nine week's grade and the semester exam grade. **American Government and Economics are two separate grades and each class is a ½ unit class or credit. Each class is necessary for graduation from Greenville Tech Charter.**

Make up work and mastery– Students that miss a test will have one week to make up that test after missing the test before a grade of zero will be entered. Students are allowed to retake a quiz or major test that is below the mastery grade of 75 during a nine weeks period. The format to the test will be similar to the original but will not necessarily be the exact same questions as before. Students who want to make up a test need to do so outside of normal class time. The most points that can be obtained will be 75. Students can also redo classwork and projects for a mastery grade of up to 75.

Students who miss class need to make up work and turn it in the next class period after the student returns to school, unless otherwise stated. Students can turn in late work; however, **twenty points will be deducted from the grade for each A or B school day that it is not turned in. Those who fail to make up any work of any type will receive a zero for that grade.** Students are responsible for finding out about missed assignments and turning them in.

Class rules – Be accountable (Be on time to class, have your materials, your school ID and complete your assignments)

Be respectful (Of yourself, of your teachers and of your classmates – treat others with dignity and courtesy)

Be orderly (Do not talk out of turn or cause disturbances that detracts from a good learning environment)

Be aware of why we are here (The purpose of school is to get an education)

Be reminded (All students are to follow the rules of the Greenville Tech Charter students hand book)

Students will be kept after school for detention for breaking class rules. Continuous infractions will result in office referrals.

After hours help : I have Wednesday afternoons from 2:50 – 3:20 as office hours. Students can also receive assistance other days after school per a request.

Contact – Parents you can contact me by e-mail at klittlejohn@staff.gtchs.org or by phone after school at 250 – 8852. The best time to call me during school is between 11:00 and 12:00 on both A days and B days. Please call the front office (250-8844) for me during school hours since someone else will be teaching in my room.