Nashville State Community College  
*Business, Management and Hospitality*

Economics 2000 Current Topics in Economics

**Course Description:** This course is designed to train and help students identify, analyze, and form conclusions about a variety of economic topics. Topics may include, but are not limited to, national debt, national deficit, international trade, taxes, Social Security, military, Medicare, education, homeland security, social challenges, diffusion of innovations and their economic implications, and the application of economic questions to these and other issues. This will be done through:

1. Readings on current topics, written analysis of those readings from *The Economist* and other business journals
2. Class discussions on Economic topics of interest
3. Class Attendance and Participation

**Course Title:** ECON 2000 N01 Current Topics in Economics  
**Credits:** 1 credit hour  
**Class Hours:** Mondays 12:20 – 1:15, room S-117

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  **Wednesdays**
TEXTBOOK and CLASS MATERIALS

There will be no official text book for this course. We will access free business periodicals or business journals. The materials for these courses are intended to be simple and economical for the student. We will discuss course materials in class.

The NSCC library has access to many current periodicals in both physical and digital formats, one of which is The Economist, here is the digital link: The Economist

Once enrolled, all students should verify that they have the correct textbook and materials information by consulting the D2L/NS Online shell for the course. If you are registered with the Access Center and require an alternate format for the textbook and other course materials, please contact the Access Center at 615-353-3721, 615-353-3741, or accesscenter@nscc.edu.

Course Assessments:

The following performance assessments will be used to demonstrate students’ understanding, knowledge, and skills: Classroom participation and two classroom presentations.

Grading Policy:

1/3 of the course grade: Brief presentations on articles from The Economist or other business or popular journals

Your presentations should be a minimum of five (5) minutes with a minimum of ten (10) minutes of class discussion. You may stand or sit in front of the class during your presentation, whichever is most comfortable for you.

Use a delivery format that is most comfortable for you. If you are really great with PowerPoint and it is second-nature to you, then use it. If you like to use handouts, or write on the white board, or use graph paper, then do that. What matters most is that you are comfortable so that you can concentrate on the message of your presentation.

Your presentation should include:

1) The title of the article and the date (so we have a frame of reference).

2) A review of the article including:

   a) the individuals, groups, or companies involved
b) major points, arguments, or concepts

c) anything else pertinent to explaining the situation, issue, or opportunity

3) A review of your research; what were the sources of your current data?

4) What was the end result or the current situation? Is it better, worse, the same? What do you predict will happen in the future?

5) What are the Economic implications and what predictions can you make.

6) Answer any questions from the class during your presentation or ask the class to save their questions until the end of your presentation.

These presentations need to be autonomous. We will discuss the presentations at length on the first day of class.

Overall, your presentations need not be long, but I must be able to recognize all of the following:

1. Objective Statement of Issue
2. Objective Analysis of that Issue
3. Objective Conclusion about that Issue
4. At least one Economic impact
5. At least one Economic prediction
6. One Subjective Question or Conclusion about the reading as a whole

1/3 of the course grade: Regular participation in class discussions through: asking questions, giving relevant answers, sharing personal and relevant ideas topics being presented

1/3 of the course grade: Class attendance

Late Work Policy & Make-up Procedures for Missed Assignments and Work:

Every reasonable opportunity will be given to allow a student to make up their class presentation. Class attendance, daily discussion and participation cannot be made up.

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and laboratories. Absences in this course constitute a full third of the course grade. Absences can may not be made up. The student is responsible for all assigned work in the course regardless of excused or unexcused absences. Tardiness may also affect a student’s final grade.
Grading Scale:

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FA
According to NSCC policy, an FA is awarded to students who do not officially withdraw from a course and do not attend after the cut-off date provided in the academic calendar. Please refer to the current academic calendar available on the Nashville State web site, looking for the date that indicates it is the “Last Day to Earn F for Attendance (FA).” Students who stop attending on or before this date receive an FA; students who stop attending after this date receive an F.

Students who fail a course and whose last assignment is submitted on or before the FA date will earn an FA for the course. Students who fail a course and whose last assignment is submitted after the FA date will earn an F for the course. An FN is assigned to students who do not submit any assignments.

FN
An FN is awarded to students who never attended class.

Technology Statement
Nashville State's classes are considered to be web-enhanced. Faculty have an expectation that students will use a computer and the Internet to complete assignments, engage in online discussions, and access various course materials through D2L/NS Online course shells. Computers are available for student use at each campus during campus open hours.

D2L/NS Online and myNSCC
It is students’ responsibility to check D2L/NS Online course shells for all enrolled courses and myNSCC, including student email, on a regular basis. These are the official communication channels between the college and students, who are responsible for the information communicated through those channels. D2L/NS Online contains specific course information and myNSCC contains information important for other purposes.

ADA Compliance Statement
Nashville State complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you require accommodations for any courses in which you are enrolled, contact the Access Center at 615.353.3741 or 615.353.3721, or e-mail accesscenter@nscc.edu. If you are registered with the Access Center and require an alternate format for the textbook and other course materials, please contact the Access Center.
Classroom Misconduct
Nashville State Community College has a zero-tolerance policy for disruptive conduct in the classroom. Students whose behavior disrupts the classroom will be subject to disciplinary measures. Please review the Nashville State Student Code of Conduct policy. Please be aware that children are not allowed in class or to be left unattended on campus.

Academic Misconduct
Any form of academic dishonesty, cheating, plagiarizing, or other academic misconduct is prohibited. Students are responsible for understanding and abiding by the Academic Misconduct Policy in the Nashville State Student Code of Conduct. In addition to other possible disciplinary measures that may be applied through regular college procedures as a result of academic dishonesty, the instructor has the authority to assign an “F” or a “zero” for the exercise, paper, or examination, or to assign an “F” for the course. Students may appeal through the appropriate college grade appeal procedures.

Academic Early Alert System
Nashville State Community College uses an Early Alert System to let students know of a faculty member’s concern in one or more of these academic areas: lack of attendance, lack of classroom participation, late or missing assignments, and/or poor performance on assignments/tests. *Please note that Early Alerts do not affect a student’s academic standing. If you receive an Early Alert email, please see your instructor and your academic advisor as soon as possible.

RAVE Emergency Alert System
Emergency events can happen at any time and Nashville State Community College wants to be able notify students if and when they occur. For this reason, all students have been enrolled in the free RAVE alert system. If you have not already done so, please log in at https://www.getrave.com/login/nscc to confirm and update your contact information and notification preferences. It is critical that your information be correct so that you will receive any emergency notifications. Your RAVE Username is your NSCC email address. If you've never received an email from RAVE with your password, or if you need to reset your password, select “Forgot your password?” and a new password will be emailed to you. Should the RAVE system indicate “user not found”, select Register and create your own RAVE account.

Inclement Weather & Campus Closings
Nashville State will use the RAVE alert system to send a text message to students, staff, and faculty about adjusted hours of operation and/or closings at individual campuses. All students should check the Nashville State web site home page at www.nscc.edu for announcements on campus closures, which may vary from campus to campus. Campus closures will also be announced on local television stations. Students should use their own best judgment in determining whether to report to campus during inclement weather when classes are not cancelled.

Even when campuses are closed, students are still responsible for completing all assigned work. When classes are cancelled, faculty will post online assignments and any additional instructions in the D2L/NS Online course shell. Check D2L/NS Online for a message from your instructor regarding your online assignment requirements. Faculty have discretion over adjusting deadlines or due date for assignments,
but students are responsible for completing all assigned work by the due date established by the instructor.

**Class Cancellation Policy**
If the class is cancelled, the instructor will notify all students by posting in the D2L/NS Online course, e-mailing through D2L/NS Online, and/or by posting a sign on the classroom door. In the event of class cancellation, students must access D2L/NS Online to complete classwork and the assignment that will be posted in the course D2L site.