

# ECON 0002 ECONOMICS (WSTC)

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 900030

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**Description** This unit is designed to familiarise students with some of the basic concepts and relationships of the discipline. It was developed to prepare students for undergraduate study in the academic discipline area of commerce/business and educate students as to the crucial role economic decisions have in society and how economic problems and issues dominate media and politics. By understanding Economics, students are empowered to participate effectively and knowledgeably in economic debate.

**School** Western Sydney The College

**Discipline** Economics

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 0 Preparatory subject

**Equivalent Subjects** ECON 0001 - Economics (WSTC Prep)

**Restrictions** Students must be enrolled in a Western Sydney University, The College Foundation Studies program.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Define and explain basic economic concepts and relationships
2. Interpret economic information presented in a variety of forms: text, graphs, statistics, illustrations, diagrams
3. Integrate descriptive economics, economic theory and applied economics
4. Select and organise economic information from a variety of sources for relevance and reliability
5. Describe trends in Australia's economic performance and discuss contemporary issues affecting this trend
6. Explain the operation of government micro and macro-economic policies

## Subject Content

1. Economic Concepts and Systems  
(including economic growth and its measurement) Types of economic systems.
2. The Circular Flow and Economic Fluctuations  
The circular flow of income, national income, expenditure and income.
3. The Price Mechanism  
Demand, supply and equilibrium, price elasticity.
4. Market Structures  
Features of market structures and the Australian capitalist economy, contemporary market capitalism, government market intervention in the Australian economy.
5. The Australian Financial System and Money  
Financial institutions, money and interest, financial deregulation, monetary policy.

### 6. Economic Policies

Macroeconomic management in Australia, fiscal policy, monetary policy (brief review), prices + incomes policy and external policy, the 'Policy Mix'

### 7. Australia in the International Economy and contemporary issues

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task
Intra-session Exam	1 hour	15	N	Individual
Quiz	1 1/2 hours	20	N	Individual
Essay	500 words	15	N	Individual
Presentation	10 minutes	10	N	Individual
End-of-session Exam	2 hours	40	N	Individual

Teaching Periods