

FBLA HS: Economics

Competency A: Basic Economic Concepts and Principles	MBA Research Performance Indicators	LAPs
Tasks		
1. Define money (characteristics, role, and forms) and trace how money and resources flow through the American economic system.	FI:059 Identify types of currency (paper money, coins, banknotes, government bonds, treasury notes, etc.) (PQ) FI:060 Describe functions of money (medium of exchange, unit of measure, store of value) (PQ) EC:001 Describe the concepts of economics and economic activities (CS)	LAP-EC-901 Are You Satisfied? (Economics and Economic Activities)
2. Utilize decision-making models to make economic choices and determine the opportunity cost of those choices.	EC:001 Describe the concepts of economics and economic activities (CS) EN:021 Assess the costs/benefits associated with resources (ON)	LAP-EC-901 Are You Satisfied? (Economics and Economic Activities)
3. Describe how trade-offs are made during the decision-making process.	EC:001 Describe the concepts of economics and economic activities (CS)	LAP-EC-901 Are You Satisfied? (Economics and Economic Activities)

<p>4. Use basic economic concepts (such as supply and demand; production, distribution, and consumption; labor, wages, and capital; inflation and deflation; market economy and command economy) to compare and contrast local, regional, and national economics across time and at the present time.</p>	<p>EC:001 Describe the concepts of economics and economic activities (CS) EC:005 Explain the principles of supply and demand (CS) EC:003 Explain the concept of economic resources (CS) EC:083 Describe the economic impact of inflation on business (SP) EC:007 Explain the types of economic systems (CS)</p>	<p>LAP-EC-901 Are You Satisfied? (Economics and Economic Activities) LAP-EC-011 It's the Law (Supply and Demand) LAP-EC-903 Be Resourceful (Economic Resources) LAP-EC-083 Up, Up, and Away (Inflation) LAP-EC-907 Who's the Boss? (Economic Systems)</p>
<p>5. Define the basic elements of capitalism.</p>	<p>EC:007 Explain the types of economic systems (CS) EC:009 Explain the concept of private enterprise (CS)</p>	<p>LAP-EC-907 Who's the Boss? (Economic Systems) LAP-EC-015 People Power (The Private Enterprise System)</p>
<p>6. Explain how, in a free enterprise system, individuals attempt to maximize their profits based on their role in the economy.</p>	<p>EC:007 Explain the types of economic systems (CS) EC:009 Explain the concept of private enterprise (CS)</p>	<p>LAP-EC-907 Who's the Boss? (Economic Systems) LAP-EC-015 People Power (The Private Enterprise System)</p>
<p>7. Define characteristics of a market system (e.g., profit, competitive markets, and private ownership of property).</p>	<p>EC:007 Explain the types of economic systems (CS) EC:009 Explain the concept of private enterprise (CS)</p>	<p>LAP-EC-907 Who's the Boss? (Economic Systems) LAP-EC-015 People Power (The Private Enterprise System)</p>
<p>8. Compare and contrast economic systems (e.g., traditional, market, command, and mixed) based on criteria such as freedom, efficiency, equity, security, employment, stability, and growth.</p>	<p>EC:007 Explain the types of economic systems (CS)</p>	<p>LAP-EC-907 Who's the Boss? (Economic Systems)</p>

9. Analyze how economic systems, resources, and culture affect each other.	EC:007 Explain the types of economic systems (CS)	LAP-EC-907 Who's the Boss? (Economic Systems)
10. Analyze how a nation's wealth and trade potential are tied to its resources.	EC:016 Explain the nature of global trade (SP)	LAP-EC-916 Beyond US (Global Trade)
11. Suggest what a nation or business should do if economic resources are underutilized.	EC:107 Explain how organizations adapt to today's markets (SP)	LAP-EC-107 Keep the Change (Adapting to Markets)
12. Identify the location of concentrations of selected natural resources and describe how their acquisition and distribution generates trade and shapes economic patterns.	EC:109 Discuss the impact of globalization on business (SP)	
13. Analyze the concepts of trade-offs and opportunity cost.	EC:001 Describe the concepts of economics and economic activities (CS)	LAP-EC-901 Are You Satisfied? (Economics and Economic Activities)
14. Evaluate the trade-offs of alternatives for solving societal problems according to economic goals (e.g., economic growth, equity, efficiency, security, employment, stability, and freedom).		
15. Explain how the United States' economy has changed from a rural to an industrial economy to a leader in the global economy.		
16. Identify and explain various points of view concerning economic issues, such as taxation, unemployment, inflation, the national debt and distribution of income.		
17. Describe how personal decisions can have a global impact on issues such as trade agreements, recycling, and conserving the environment.		
18. Recommend what a nation or business could do to stimulate economic growth.		

19. Define and explain economic scarcity as it applies to production, consumption, and exchange.	EC:001 Describe the concepts of economics and economic activities (CS)	LAP-EC-901 Are You Satisfied? (Economics and Economic Activities)
20. Ascertain why scarcity faces people at all times and interpret the relationship between trade-offs and opportunity costs.	EC:001 Describe the concepts of economics and economic activities (CS)	LAP-EC-901 Are You Satisfied? (Economics and Economic Activities)
21. Explain why scarcity requires individuals, governments, and societies to make choices.	EC:001 Describe the concepts of economics and economic activities (CS)	LAP-EC-901 Are You Satisfied? (Economics and Economic Activities)
22. Analyze how scarcity creates the need for economic policy and allocation.		
Competency B: Productivity	MBA Research Performance Indicators	LAPs
Tasks		
1. Define factors of production (e.g., labor, capital, entrepreneurship, and natural resources).	EC:003 Explain the concept of economic resources (CS)	LAP-EC-903 Be Resourceful (Economic Resources)
2. Explain the principle of diminishing returns and how it relates to productivity and consumption.	EC:023 Explain the impact of the law of diminishing returns (SP)	LAP-EC-023 Know Your Limits (Law of Diminishing Returns)
3. Describe how investments in human and physical capital, including new technology, affect standard of living, quality of life, and increase productivity.	EC:013 Explain the concept of productivity (CS)	LAP-EC-018 Make the Most of It (Productivity)
4. Describe the impact of worker productivity (output per worker) on business, the worker, and the consumer.	EC:013 Explain the concept of productivity (CS)	LAP-EC-018 Make the Most of It (Productivity)
5. Explain how wages are affected by the market value and productivity of the individual working.	EC:006 Describe the functions of prices in markets (CS) EC:013 Explain the concept of productivity (CS)	LAP-EC-906 When More Is Less (Functions of Prices) LAP-EC-018 Make the Most of It (Productivity)

6. Define specialization and identify how specialization may affect the economy.	EC:014 Analyze impact of specialization/division of labor on productivity (SP)	LAP-EC-914 Divide and Conquer (Specialization and Division of Labor)
7. Give examples to explain how businesses and industry depend upon workers with specialized skills to make production more efficient.	EC:014 Analyze impact of specialization/division of labor on productivity (SP)	LAP-EC-914 Divide and Conquer (Specialization and Division of Labor)
8. Discuss the effects of government expenditures, regulations, and tax policies on productivity.	EC:008 Determine the relationship between government and business (CS)	LAP-EC-016 Regulate and Protect (Government and Business)
9. Analyze the impact of political actions, natural phenomena (e.g., wars, legislation, and natural disaster), and the investments in research and development on producers and production decisions.	EC:113 Describe the impact of the political environment on world trade (SP)	
10. Analyze and discuss economic indicators that reflect productivity.	EC:017 Explain the concept of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (SP)	LAP-EC-917 Measure Up? (Gross Domestic Product)

Competency C: Macroeconomics	MBA Research Performance Indicators	LAPs
Tasks		
1. Differentiate between microeconomists' and macroeconomists' approach to the economy and their solutions to economic problems.		
2. Analyze factors that are studied in determining the economic health of our economy.	EC:081 Discuss the measure of consumer spending as an economic indicator (SP) EC:083 Describe the economic impact of inflation on business (SP) EC:017 Explain the concept of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (SP) EC:082 Discuss the impact of a nation's unemployment rates (SP) EC:084 Explain the economic impact of interest-rate fluctuations (SP) EC:018 Determine the impact of business cycles on business activities (SP)	LAP-EC-083 Up, Up, and Away (Inflation) LAP-EC-917 Measure Up? (Gross Domestic Product) LAP-EC-082 Help Wanted? (Impact of Unemployment Rates) LAP-EC-918 Boom or Bust (Impact of Business Cycles)
3. Discuss how changes in disposable income affect the economy.	EC:081 Discuss the measure of consumer spending as an economic indicator (SP)	
4. Explain the effects of leading economic indicators on a personal financial plan.		

<p>5. Identify and analyze leading economic indicators and the methods of using the indicators to validate opinions about the state of the economy in the near future.</p>	<p>EC:081 Discuss the measure of consumer spending as an economic indicator (SP)</p> <p>EC:083 Describe the economic impact of inflation on business (SP)</p> <p>EC:017 Explain the concept of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (SP)</p> <p>EC:082 Discuss the impact of a nation's unemployment rates (SP)</p> <p>EC:084 Explain the economic impact of interest-rate fluctuations (SP)</p> <p>EC:018 Determine the impact of business cycles on business activities (SP)</p>	<p>LAP-EC-083 Up, Up, and Away (Inflation)</p> <p>LAP-EC-917 Measure Up? (Gross Domestic Product)</p> <p>LAP-EC-082 Help Wanted? (Impact of Unemployment Rates)</p> <p>LAP-EC-918 Boom or Bust (Impact of Business Cycles)</p>
<p>6. Illustrate and measure the impact of inflation and recession.</p>	<p>EC:083 Describe the economic impact of inflation on business (SP)</p>	<p>LAP-EC-083 Up, Up, and Away (Inflation)</p>
<p>7. Evaluate the impact of employment/unemployment on production, consumption, and exchange.</p>	<p>EC:082 Discuss the impact of a nation's unemployment rates (SP)</p>	<p>LAP-EC-082 Help Wanted? (Impact of Unemployment Rates)</p>
<p>8. Define gross domestic product (GDP) and interpret fluctuations in the GDP.</p>	<p>EC:017 Explain the concept of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (SP)</p>	<p>LAP-EC-917 Measure Up? (Gross Domestic Product)</p>
<p>9. Discuss major factors that affect the level of a country's gross domestic product (GDP) (e.g., quantity and quality of natural resources, quantity and quality of human capital, and quantity and quality of capital stock).</p>	<p>EC:017 Explain the concept of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (SP)</p>	<p>LAP-EC-917 Measure Up? (Gross Domestic Product)</p>
<p>10. Locate the per capita GDP of various nations to compare the levels of economic well-being.</p>		
<p>11. Differentiate between GNP, NDP, NI, PI, and DI.</p>	<p>EC:017 Explain the concept of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (SP)</p>	<p>LAP-EC-917 Measure Up? (Gross Domestic Product)</p>

12. Explain how the Consumer Price Index measures the rate of inflation and interpret its relationship to purchasing power.	EC:083 Describe the economic impact of inflation on business (SP)	LAP-EC-083 Up, Up, and Away (Inflation)
13. Interpret economic data depicted through illustrations (e.g. tables, curves, graphs, ratios, percentages, indexes, and values)		
14. Construct tables and graphs depicting economic information (e.g., financial statements, pie charts, line graphs, and bar graphs).		
Competency D: Supply & Demand (Markets & Prices)	MBA Research Performance Indicators	LAPs
Tasks		
1. Explain the law of supply, the law of demand, and equilibrium price.	EC:005 Explain the principles of supply and demand (CS) EC:006 Describe the functions of prices in markets (CS)	LAP-EC-011 It's the Law (Supply and Demand) LAP-EC-906 When More Is Less (Functions of Prices)
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the supply and demand curves that show increases and decreases in quantity supplied and quantity demanded.	EC:005 Explain the principles of supply and demand (CS)	LAP-EC-011 It's the Law (Supply and Demand)
3. Appraise the effects of technological changes, changes in consumer preferences, price inputs, environment, and legislation on supply and demand and price of goods/services.	EC:005 Explain the principles of supply and demand (CS) EC:006 Describe the functions of prices in markets (CS)	LAP-EC-011 It's the Law (Supply and Demand) LAP-EC-906 When More Is Less (Functions of Prices)
4. Describe the concept of elasticity and inelasticity and analyze elasticity as it applies to supply and demand and consumer decisions.	EC:005 Explain the principles of supply and demand (CS)	LAP-EC-011 It's the Law (Supply and Demand)
5. Explain how efficient production and allocation of goods and services in a market economy are based on pricing information.	EC:006 Describe the functions of prices in markets (CS)	LAP-EC-906 When More Is Less (Functions of Prices)

6. Describe how relative prices affect the buying and selling decisions of consumers and producers and illustrate how a change in price affects quantity demanded or quantity supplied.	EC:006 Describe the functions of prices in markets (CS)	LAP-EC-906 When More Is Less (Functions of Prices)
7. Describe how price ceilings and floors cause shortages or surpluses.		
Competency E: International Trade/Global Economics	MBA Research Performance Indicators	LAPs
Tasks		
1. Analyze the impact of world trade and relate it to the U.S. free enterprise system.	EC:016 Explain the nature of global trade (SP) EC:109 Discuss the impact of globalization on business (SP)	LAP-EC-916 Beyond US (Global Trade)
2. Explain the basic characteristics of international trade, including absolute and comparative advantage, barriers to trade, exchange rates, and balance of trade.	EC:016 Explain the nature of global trade (SP) EC:100 Describe the determinants of exchange rates and their effects on the domestic economy (SP)	LAP-EC-916 Beyond US (Global Trade) LAP-EC-100 Get Your Money's Worth (Exchange Rates)
3. Analyze why trade barriers and why exchange rates affect the flow of goods and services among nations.	EC:016 Explain the nature of global trade (SP) EC:100 Describe the determinants of exchange rates and their effects on the domestic economy (SP)	LAP-EC-916 Beyond US (Global Trade) LAP-EC-100 Get Your Money's Worth (Exchange Rates)
4. Explain how currency exchange rates affect international trade.	EC:100 Describe the determinants of exchange rates and their effects on the domestic economy (SP)	LAP-EC-100 Get Your Money's Worth (Exchange Rates)
5. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages and distributive effects of trade restrictions (e.g., tariffs, quotas, and embargoes).	EC:112 Explain the impact of major trade alliances on business activities (SP)	

6. Analyze the impact of international issues and concerns on personal, national, and international economics.		
7. Explain how specialization promotes international trade and how international trade increases total world output and interdependence among nations.	EC:016 Explain the nature of global trade (SP)	LAP-EC-916 Beyond US (Global Trade)
Competency F: Market Structures (monopoly, oligopoly, etc.) and Competition	MBA Research Performance Indicators	LAPs
Tasks		
1. Differentiate the factors of competition in a free enterprise system and describe how those factors affect the everyday function of a business.	EC:012 Explain the concept of competition (CS)	LAP-EC-912 Ready, Set, Compete! (Competition)
2. Analyze the role that supply and demand, competition, prices, incentives, and profits play in determining what is produced and distributed in a competitive market system.	EC:005 Explain the principles of supply and demand (CS) EC:006 Describe the functions of prices in markets (CS) EC:012 Explain the concept of competition (CS) EC:010 Identify factors affecting a business's profit (CS)	LAP-EC-011 It's the Law (Supply and Demand) LAP-EC-906 When More Is Less (Functions of Prices) LAP-EC-912 Ready, Set, Compete! (Competition) LAP-EC-910 Risk Rewarded (Factors Affecting Profit)
3. Explain how changes in the level of competition in different markets affect individuals and the economy.	EC:012 Explain the concept of competition (CS)	LAP-EC-912 Ready, Set, Compete! (Competition)
4. Explain how competition among sellers of a good or service generally results in lower prices for buyers and lower profits for sellers.	EC:012 Explain the concept of competition (CS)	LAP-EC-912 Ready, Set, Compete! (Competition)
5. Describe how competition among buyers of a good or service generally results in higher prices for buyers and higher profits for sellers.	EC:012 Explain the concept of competition (CS)	LAP-EC-912 Ready, Set, Compete! (Competition)

6. Discuss the major barriers to new firms entering a market and how the barriers affect the level of competition in an industry.	EC:065 Identify the impact of small business/entrepreneurship on market economies (CS)	
7. Explain how competition is maintained in the U.S. economy and how the level of competition varies in differing market structures (e.g., monopoly, oligopoly, monopolistic, and perfect competition).	EC:012 Explain the concept of competition (CS)	LAP-EC-912 Ready, Set, Compete! (Competition)
8. Compare and contrast the different types of market structure.	EC:012 Explain the concept of competition (CS)	LAP-EC-912 Ready, Set, Compete! (Competition)
9. Describe the characteristics of monopolistic and oligopolistic competition and identify examples in the current market.	EC:012 Explain the concept of competition (CS)	LAP-EC-912 Ready, Set, Compete! (Competition)
10. Determine the role of government in preventing private monopolies and regulating public monopolies.	EC:012 Explain the concept of competition (CS)	LAP-EC-912 Ready, Set, Compete! (Competition)
Competency G: Investments and Interest Rates	MBA Research Performance Indicators	LAPs
Tasks		
1. Describe and explain the role of money, banking, and savings in everyday life.	FI:060 Describe functions of money (medium of exchange, unit of measure, store of value) (PQ) FI:270 Explain the need to save and invest (CS)	
2. Interpret stock market purpose and function and analyze stock market performance.	NF:221 Track business environment changes that impact business financial results (e.g., stock market activity, economic developments, political development, competitive landscape changes, product issues, etc.) (CS) PD:238 Explain causes of stock price fluctuations (SP)	

<p>3. Explain how interest rates are determined by market forces that influence the amount of borrowing and saving done by investors, consumers, and government officials.</p>	<p>EC:084 Explain the economic impact of interest-rate fluctuations (SP) EC:073 Discuss the nature of monetary policy (MN) EC:097 Explain the role of the Federal Reserve System (MN)</p>	
<p>4. Describe how interest rates balance savings and borrowing and affect consumer purchasing power.</p>	<p>EC:084 Explain the economic impact of interest-rate fluctuations (SP) EC:081 Discuss the measure of consumer spending as an economic indicator (SP)</p>	
<p>5. Identify the risk/return trade-offs for saving and investing.</p>	<p>FI:270 Explain the need to save and invest (CS)</p>	
<p>6. Evaluate the impact of employment/unemployment on investment and savings.</p>	<p>EC:082 Discuss the impact of a nation's unemployment rates (SP)</p>	<p>LAP-EC-082 Help Wanted? (Impact of Unemployment Rates)</p>
<p>7. Describe how saving and investing influence economic growth (capital formation).</p>	<p>EC:074 Explain the concept of fiscal policies (MN)</p>	
<p>8. Explain the role of credit in a market economy.</p>	<p>FI:002 Explain the purposes and importance of credit (CS)</p>	<p>LAP-FI-002 Give Credit Where Credit Is Due (Credit and Its Importance)</p>
<p>9. Compare the advantages and disadvantages of using various forms of credit and the determinants of credit history.</p>	<p>FI:002 Explain the purposes and importance of credit (CS)</p>	<p>LAP-FI-002 Give Credit Where Credit Is Due (Credit and Its Importance)</p>

Competency H: Role of Government	MBA Research Performance Indicators	LAPs
Tasks		
1. Analyze the changing relationships among business, labor, and government and how each has affected production, distribution, and consumption.	EC:008 Determine the relationship between government and business (CS)	LAP-EC-016 Regulate and Protect (Government and Business)
2. Distinguish between private goods and services (family car or a local restaurant) and public goods and services (interstate highway systems or U.S. Postal Service), and explain how and why public goods and services are provided.	EC:002 Distinguish between economic goods and services (CS)	LAP-EC-902 Get the Goods on Goods and Services (Economic Goods and Services)
3. Explain how government's redistribution of income through taxation, spending, and assistance/entitlement programs affects the well-being of people and businesses in an economy.	EC:072 Describe the nature of taxes (SP)	LAP-EC-072 Pay Your Share (Business Taxes)
4. Identify the types of taxes levied by differing levels of government (e.g., income tax, sales tax, and property tax).	EC:072 Describe the nature of taxes (SP)	LAP-EC-072 Pay Your Share (Business Taxes)
5. Analyze the relationship between the federal deficit and the national debt and how they are affected by the sources of national income and international trade.	EC:017 Explain the concept of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (SP)	LAP-EC-917 Measure Up? (Gross Domestic Product)
6. Identify the impact of the political structure on economic systems.	EC:007 Explain the types of economic systems (CS)	LAP-EC-907 Who's the Boss? (Economic Systems)
7. Explain how laws and government policies (e.g., property rights, contract enforcement, and standard weights/measurements) establish rules that help a market economy function effectively.	EC:009 Explain the concept of private enterprise (CS)	LAP-EC-015 People Power (The Private Enterprise System)
8. Explain how government intervention with market prices can cause shortages or surpluses of a good or service (e.g., minimum wage policies, rent freezes, and farm subsidies).	EC:009 Explain the concept of private enterprise (CS)	LAP-EC-015 People Power (The Private Enterprise System)

9. Identify and evaluate how stabilizers (e.g., unemployment compensation, welfare benefits, Social Security, subsidies, and tax rates) affect economies in transition.		
Competency I: Monetary and Fiscal Policy	MBA Research Performance Indicators	LAPs
Tasks		
1. Differentiate between monetary and fiscal policies and identify when it may be appropriate to use a given policy.	EC:073 Discuss the nature of monetary policy (MN) EC:074 Explain the concept of fiscal policies (MN) EC:098 Describe the effects of fiscal and monetary policies (MN)	
2. Identify the organization and functions of the Federal Reserve System and their influences on the economy.	EC:097 Explain the role of the Federal Reserve System (MN)	
3. Explain how federal budgetary policy and the Federal Reserve System's monetary policies influence overall levels of employment, interest rates, production, and prices.	EC:097 Explain the role of the Federal Reserve System (MN)	
4. Explain how the Federal Reserve System uses its control over the reserve ratio, open market operations, and the discount rate to control the money supply and the implementation of tight and easy money policy.	EC:097 Explain the role of the Federal Reserve System (MN)	
5. Determine how inflation, unemployment, and gross domestic product statistics are used in policy decisions.	EC:097 Explain the role of the Federal Reserve System (MN)	
6. Describe how fiscal, monetary, and regulatory policies affect overall levels of employment, output, and consumption.	EC:098 Describe the effects of fiscal and monetary policies (MN)	

Competency J: Types of Business/Economic Institutions	MBA Research Performance Indicators	LAPs
Tasks		
1. Compare and contrast different types of business ownership (e.g., corporation, partnership, and sole proprietorship).	BL:003 Explain types of business ownership (CS)	LAP-BL-003 Own It Your Way (Types of Business Ownership)
2. Define the role of profit-making and not-for-profit companies in the U.S. economy.	EC:071 Describe types of business activities (CS)	LAP-EC-071 Strictly Business (Business Activities)
3. Describe different kinds of economic institutions in the U.S. economy (e.g., households, businesses, financial institutions, government agencies, labor unions, and nonprofit organizations).	EC:008 Determine the relationship between government and business (CS) EC:015 Explain the concept of organized labor and business (SP) EC:071 Describe types of business activities (CS) FI:075 Describe types of financial-services providers (CS)	LAP-EC-016 Regulate and Protect (Government and Business) LAP-EC-915 Get United (Organized Labor) LAP-EC-071 Strictly Business (Business Activities)
4. Explain the role of banks in facilitating the exchange of financial resources (e.g., loans, creating money, checking accounts, and Federal Reserve System).	FI:075 Describe types of financial-services providers (CS)	
5. Explain how and why people who start new businesses take risks to provide goods and services, considering profits as an incentive.	EN:039 Describe the nature of entrepreneurship (SP)	
6. Explain the concept of organized labor and business.	EC:015 Explain the concept of organized labor and business (SP)	LAP-EC-915 Get United (Organized Labor)

Competency K: Business Cycles/Circular Flow	MBA Research Performance Indicators	LAPs
Tasks		
1. Define circular flow, interdependence, product market, and factors of production market.	EC:003 Explain the concept of economic resources (CS) EC:007 Explain the types of economic systems (CS) EC:072 Describe the nature of taxes (SP)	LAP-EC-903 Be Resourceful (Economic Resources) LAP-EC-907 Who's the Boss? (Economic Systems) LAP-EC-072 Pay Your Share (Business Taxes)
2. Describe the role of businesses and individuals in the circular flow.	EC:001 Describe the concepts of economics and economic activities (CS)	LAP-EC-901 Are You Satisfied? (Economics and Economic Activities)
3. Explain how change in one component of the circular flow of economic activity affects other components.	EC:001 Describe the concepts of economics and economic activities (CS)	LAP-EC-901 Are You Satisfied? (Economics and Economic Activities)
4. Describe the role of government in the circular flow (e.g. taxation, services, and national debt).	EC:008 Determine the relationship between government and business (CS)	LAP-EC-016 Regulate and Protect (Government and Business)
5. Define business cycle, prosperity, recession, depression, and recovery.	EC:018 Determine the impact of business cycles on business activities (SP)	LAP-EC-918 Boom or Bust (Impact of Business Cycles)
6. Compare and contrast the different stages of the business cycle (e.g. recover, expansion, trough, and peak).	EC:018 Determine the impact of business cycles on business activities (SP)	LAP-EC-918 Boom or Bust (Impact of Business Cycles)