| CLASS INFORMATION | Benedictine University Graduate Business Programs  
| MBA 510 A – Economics  
| Fall 2016  
| October 6th – December 8th  
| Thursdays 6:30 – 9:30 PM  
| Classroom location: Refer to MyBenU |
| COURSE PREREQUISITES | MBA 541 is recommended |
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| COURSE OBJECTIVES | As a result of this course, you will be expected to:  
| • Analyze the important economic issues and problems facing the nation today.  
| • Critically analyze the various economic theories that explain how the macro-economy works.  
| • Utilize analytical tools and policies needed to confront the vital national economic issues and problems.  
| • Think critically and become more adept at using logical reasoning. |
| CLASS OVERVIEW & GRADING | This course studies the major factors that determine levels of economic activity and prices.  
| • 40% Mid-term examination (essays and problem solving)  
| • 10% presentation of an article on macroeconomics found in a magazine or newspaper.  
| • 10% Bloomberg data collection and analysis exercise  
| • 40% Final examination (essays and problem solving) |
| REQUIRED TEXT | Title: Economics: A Tool for Critically Understanding Society – 9th Edition  
| Author: Riddell  
| Publisher: Pearson  
| ISBN: 9780131368491 |
| IMPORTANT REMINDERS | Students are expected to check the class Desire2Learn (D2L) site prior to the first night of class and on an on-going basis.  
| The complete course syllabus will be distributed on the first night of class.  
| Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will be no class on Thursday, November 24th. We will be doing the normal 10 weeks of work in 9 weeks. |
| PRE-CLASS ASSIGNMENT | 1. Read Chapters 1-2 of the text and Chapter 3 of Understanding Capitalism (on D2L)  
| 2. Write up short answers to Review Questions 1 and 5 on p. 16; and 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9, on p. 32; and “Additional Questions Week 1 Econ 510” (on D2L) |