



ORIENTATION PACKET



December 12, 2023

Dear Economic Issues for Teachers Participant,

Enclosed please find the orientation materials for the *Economic Issues for Teachers* program being held January 13-15, 2024 in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the Saint Hotel French Quarter. This packet should prepare you for the program and answer any questions you may have.

We have included the following items:

- Program Orientation Information including registration, meeting room location, and a program overview.
- A tentative program schedule
- Ground transportation information
- Information regarding registering for college credit through our university partner, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

You are required to attend all teacher activities, complete the short reading assignments, and go to the accompanying meals outlined in the schedule. If there is an anticipated conflict, please let us know immediately.

Prior to the start of the program, contact FTE directly at information@fte.org with any questions. For a travel change or emergency ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 13th only, please call Mentor Teacher Amanda Stiglbauer at (803) 944-2326.

We look forward to your participation in Economic Issues for Teachers.

Sincerely,

Lisa Chang

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Director, Operations + Teacher Programs

Foundation for Teaching Economics



TEACHER ORIENTATION INFORMATION



Economic Issues for Teachers – January 13-15, 2024

New Orleans, LA

FTE Registration/Check-In

Saturday, January 13th between 2:00 - 2:30 PM in the lobby of The Saint Hotel French Quarter, located at 931 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.

Hotel check-in at the Saint Hotel officially begins at 4 PM, but they may allow early check-in if rooms are ready. If you are unable to get into your room before 2:30 PM, you may bring your bags into the meeting room, and check in later.

Housing

All participants will be housed in a single room at the hotel with check-out on Monday, unless you have indicated that you wish to check out on Tuesday, January 16th. Please note that check-out time at the hotel is 11 AM.

While the FTE is covering rooming for Issues participants, we will not be covering incidental charges to the room. The hotel will ask for a credit card at check-in to cover any incidental charges you may have during the week. This is standard policy for hotels – also, please note that if you give them a debit card rather than a credit card, the debit card will be automatically billed (funds will be taken out of your account immediately, and then refunded later if you have no extra charges). A credit card is usually not charged unless you incur extra charges. If you don't have a credit card, you should be able to place a cash deposit with the hotel to hold against possible incidentals.

Meeting Room

The meeting room for the week will be the Eden Room.

Parking

Parking is \$47 per day at the Saint Hotel, and will be the responsibility of the participant to pay.

Meals

FTE will cover continental breakfast, box lunches, and catered breaks throughout the program. Participants are

responsible for their own dinner expenses, except for the opening night dinner. Any additional snacks outside of the provided program meals will be at the participant's expense.

Expenses

Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel plans and paying for any travel expenses to and from the program. They are also responsible for any additional incidental (optional) expenses. Housing, most meals, and program materials are covered by FTE.

Recreation Options

The Saint Hotel has an on-site fitness center available for guest use and is a short walk from the French Quarter, where you can explore galleries and boutiques. Some other local activities include Cafe Du Monde, local Ghost Tours, and the riverwalk. You can find more information about local attractions on the hotel's website:

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/msyak-the-saint-hotel-new-orleans-french-quarter-autograph-collection/experiences/>

Personal Supplies

All classroom supplies will be provided by FTE. Neither the hotel nor FTE can assume responsibility for your personal belongings – laptop computers are not required and bringing them is at the discretion of the participant.

Dress Code

Classroom-appropriate clothing is expected at the program - casual, comfortable, easy-care clothing is fine. Shorts, T-shirts, and nice jeans are acceptable. You may wish to pack a light sweater or pullover for the sessions since the air conditioning in the meeting room can be chilly.

Program Overview

The *Economic Issues for Teachers* program offers a unique experience, focusing on FTE's Economic Issues curriculum units. The Issues program provides content outlines, engaging student activities and simulations, and source lists. Participants are introduced to these units through active involvement in lessons and simulations.

The Issues program covers various topics, including the issues of international trade, the idea of socialism with a focus on its history and economic implications, and an examination of federal budgets, debt, and deficits in the context of ongoing economic challenges. Participants will leave with valuable classroom activities and resources to enhance their teaching in these areas.

Teacher Goals:

1. Improve classroom effectiveness in the teaching of economics.
2. Exploration of an economic way of thinking, with numerous classroom applications.
3. Introduction to effective instructional materials and methods for use in the secondary school classroom.
4. Foster an environment for teachers to share ideas with their peers.

Schedule

A final schedule will be distributed at program registration on Saturday. The start and finish times of the program will not change whatsoever.

UCCS Graduate Credit

Registration is optional and is completed directly through UCCS online. Directions on how to enroll in this credit are included in this packet.

Questions

Prior to the start of the program, contact the FTE directly at (530) 757-4630 with any questions. If you have any last-minute issues that will delay your arrival at the program on SATURDAY, JANUARY 13th ONLY, please call our staff person on-site, Amanda Stiglbauer, at (803) 944-2326.



Economic Issues for Teachers

Jan. 13 - 15, 2024

The Saint Hotel – New Orleans, LA

Saturday, Jan. 13 Realities of Socialism

- 2:30p Check-In and Registration
- 3:00 Opening Session
Welcome and Introductions
- 3:20 *Activity 1: A Socialism Survey* – Amanda Stiglbauer
- 4:05 *Lesson 1: Socialism Defined: Myths, Dreams and Realities* - Ken Leonard
- 4:40 Break
- 4:50 *Lesson 2: A Short History of Poland* - Ken Leonard
- 5:30 Dinner (provided)
- 6:15 *Activity 2: Let's Make it Fair* – Amanda Stiglbauer
- 7:05 Break
- 7:15 *Lesson 3: Problems and Pathologies* - Ken Leonard
- 8:00 Evaluation/Adjourn

Sunday, Jan. 14 The Federal Budget, Debt and Deficits

- 7:30a Breakfast (provided)
- 8:00 *Activity 1: Myth Busters – The National Debt* – Amanda Stiglbauer
- 8:15 *Lesson 1: Our National Debt* – Ken Leonard

9:15 Break

9:30 *Activity 2/Lesson 2: To the Penny* – Amanda Stiglbauer

10:15 *Lesson 3: Is Our Federal Debt Sustainable?* - Ken Leonard

11:00 *Activity 3: Can You Fix It? The Fiscal Ship* – Amanda Stiglbauer

11:30 Lunch (provided)

12:15p *Activity 4 Overview: Words & Deeds*
Appendix Activity: Fiscal Health of States - Amanda Stiglbauer

12:30 *Lesson 4: Where are the Numbers? Tracking the Words & Deeds* - Ken Leonard

1:15 Break

1:30 *Activity 5: Public Choice in Action* - Amanda Stiglbauer

2:30 *Lesson 5: Debts, Deficits and Debasement: Using Public Choice Economics to Understand Public Debt* – Ken Leonard

3:00p Adjourn

Monday, Jan. 15

Issues of International Trade

7:30a Breakfast (provided)

8:00 *Activity 1: Tag Check* – Amanda Stiglbauer

8:30 *Lesson 1: The Economic Way of Thinking and Basics of Trade* - Ken Leonard

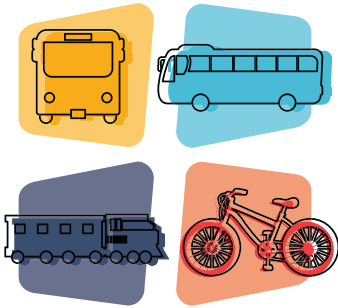
9:30 Break

9:45 *Activity 2: Tic Tac Toe Tariff* – Amanda Stiglbauer

10:30 *Lesson 2: Bridges and Barriers to Trade* - Ken Leonard

11:30 Program Wrap-Up

12:00p Program Evaluation/Adjourn



GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Economic Issues for Teachers
New Orleans, LA
The Saint Hotel French Quarter
931 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70112

Conference participants are responsible for arranging and paying for their own transportation to and from the program. The hotel is approximately 30 minutes from the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.

A variety of other ground transportation options are available from the airport to The Saint Hotel, including taxis, buses, and shuttles. For more information on ground transportation you can visit the airport websites listed below.

LOUIS ARMSTRONG NEW ORLEANS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (MSY)

<https://flymsy.com/ground-transportation/>

Taxis

Taxis pick up passengers in a dedicated taxi loading zone on the Arrivals Curb outside of Level 1 Baggage Claim Door 7. Taxi rides cost \$36.00 from the airport to the French Quarter. (Please see the link above for more information)

Ride App

Ride app services pick up passengers outside of Level 1 Baggage Claim on the middle curb. (Please see the link above to find your correct Zone)



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Foundation for Teaching Economics (FTE) Graduate Credit Registration Instructions: Spring 2024

Economic Issues For Teachers (EIFT) <i>New Orleans, LA; January 13-15, 2024</i>	Course number: ECON 6332-701	2 credit hrs	Tuition: \$240	5-Digit Class#: 40768
Registration Deadline: January 26, 2024				

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ✓ If you wish to enroll after the published registration deadline, you must contact LAS Extended Studies at lases@uccs.edu to request an Extended Studies late add form. You will be charged a \$25 late registration fee by the University to register late – no exceptions. The best way to avoid this is to register early! Last day to register late for the Spring 2024 semester is April 30, 2024, which is the last day the UCCS Spring 2024 application will be available.
- ✓ The UCCS payment system will not open for the Spring 2024 semester until approximately January 2, 2024. Therefore, if you are registering for credit before this date, you will not be able to make your tuition payment at time of registration. You will need to return to your myUCCS portal account to make the payment after this date. Please make sure you see the balance posted in your portal account before making the payment. If you are registering after this date, you should see the balance post to your account at time of registration.
- ✓ Approximately six weeks after the conclusion of the course, you may request your official UCCS transcript: please see <https://registrar.uccs.edu/transcripts>



Have you enrolled in a graduate-level course at UCCS in the past 3 semesters?

- If yes, you already have an active myUCCS Student Portal Account and can skip to STEP 3.
- **If you have not been active for the past 3 semesters, you must re-apply to UCCS per the instructions below and your account will re-activate.**
- Forgot your myUCCS Student Portal username/password? Proceed to: <https://accounts.uccs.edu> or call 719-255-4357

STEP 1 --Apply: Academic Outreach/Extended Studies

Access the "UCCS Academic Outreach Application":

- Go to <https://outreach.uccs.edu/apply>

Completing the Application:

- Provide your personal information; select "Save & Next"
- From the drop down menus:
 - Select an Admit Term: **SPRING 2024**
 - Select Desired Program: **Graduate Non-Degree**
- Provide answers to the education and eligibility questions; select "Save & Next"
- Verify that the information you provided is correct, select "Submit"

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STEP 2 ---Claim Your Account

Within 24 hours of submitting your application, you will receive an automated e-mail when your myUCCS student portal account is ready. You can then proceed to <https://accounts.uccs.edu> to claim your account to access your student portal --- where you can register, pay your bill, request transcripts, and the like.



- **Keep this username and password for future access into your myUCCS Student Portal**
- Please note: our automated e-mails may go to "junk mail," depending upon your e-mail filter set-up.

STEP 3 ---Register and Pay

Log In to your myUCCS student portal: www.uccs.edu/portal

Registration:

- Select **"Register for Classes"** from the Quick Links box; or, select **"Records and Registration"** from the menu at the top right, then select **"Register for Classes"**
 - ✓ Pre-registration verifications: address (*'Home' address marked as 'Local'*), phone numbers, emergency contact
 - ✓ Tuition and Fee Agreement and Disclosure
- **Enter the 5-Digit Class Number "40768"** under "Search by Class Number". Click **"Submit Class Number"**
- Confirm the details of the course and click **"Next"**
- **Check the box** of the course you would like to enroll, under the **"Select"** column in the shopping cart
- Click **"add selected classes"**
- Confirm the course and click **"Finish Enrolling"**

Payment:

- Select **"View/Pay My Bill"** from the Quick Links box; or, select **"Student Financials (Bursars)"** from the menu at the top right, then select **"View/Pay My Bill"**
- Enter the **payment amount** and **payment method** and click on **"Continue"**
- Provide **payment information** for the selected method and click **"Continue"**
- Confirm the payment information and click **"Confirm"** ---*Print a copy for your records, if needed*