

Objectives: by the end of this unit, students will...

- Summarize the role the federal government plays in economics today.
- Summarize how the Fed uses each of the following to regulate the economy: federal discount rate, federal reserve ratio requirement, open market operations, and federal funds rate.
- Summarize how and why quantitative easing is used today.
- Summarize the differences between a flat, proportional, progressive, and regressive tax and provide examples of each.
- State the purpose of each of the following: antitrust laws; regulatory agencies; Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938; patents; international trade.
- Explain the pro's and con's of a minimum wage.
- Summarize why international trade is a better alternative to producing all needed goods within a country using Absolute Advantage and Comparative Advantage.
- State the impact that tariffs and NAFTA have had on international trade.
- Summarize the importance of international trade to the US and WI economies.
- Define and explain trade surpluses and trade deficits.
- Compare and contrast the views of Keynes and Hayek; choose whose stance you agree with most and justify this choice using evidence and logic.