

AP MACROECONOMICS 2018-19

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Course Description

A.P. Macroeconomics is offered as an alternative to the required one semester class in economics. There are two main goals of the A.P. Macroeconomics course. The immediate goal is to prepare students for the A.P. Macroeconomics Exam in May. The long-term goal is to build a sound understanding of economic principles, especially from a large-scale perspective (national/international level). Because the AP Exam is on **May 15**, we will move at a much faster pace than the regular class.

You are in the right class if most of the following statements are true:

- You have a strong interest in economics and/or social studies.
- You plan on taking the AP Macroeconomics Exam for college credit.
- You are a high achiever, regardless of the level of challenge involved.
- You are at grade level in math skills and achievement.

Attendance

Due to the rigor and pace of this class, attendance and punctuality are a must. All school policies will be followed for tardies and absences. Excessive absences (more than 12) will result in a reduced semester grade.

Supplies

The following supplies will be needed in class each day.

- Text Book
- Folder
- Calculator (optional/**may NOT be used on tests**)
- Notebook or plenty of lined paper
- Pen or pencil (pencil highly recommended)

Grading

Semester grades will be based on the following breakdown:

Marking Period 1	45%
Marking Period 2	45%
Final Exam (Project)	10%

Marking Period grades will be broken down as follows:

Tests	75%
Quizzes, Homework, Participation	25%

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Tests

Tests will be given at the end of each unit – about every 2-3 weeks. There will generally be some review time in class the day before and a study guide may be handed out as well. Tests will mirror the format of the AP Exam (multiple choice and free response items).

Test corrections on all wrong answers will be required of anyone who scores lower than a 5 (A) and must be turned in within a week after the test was returned. Corrections will count as a 5 point test grade which will be based on how accurate the corrections are – DO NOT GUESS! Correction sheets will be provided for multiple choice questions. For free response you must re-do any part that was incorrect on lined paper. All corrections must be attached to the original test.

The midterm, the practice AP Exam, and an alternative exam (for those who do not take the AP Exam) will be given over a two day period and will be more extensive reflections of the format of the AP Exam. Test corrections will not be required/accepted for these exams.

The AP Exam will be held during the third week of May. Information on this exam will be given out in class.

Final

There will be a final project for this class that includes presentations during the actual final exam period. More details will be given on this after the AP Exam.

Homework, Quizzes, and Participation

Homework will usually consist of reading notes (in whatever format you prefer – I will make recommendations) and supplementary practice worksheets. At the beginning of each unit you will receive a tentative schedule showing you what assignments you will have and when they will be due. It is extremely important that you keep up to date on reading and assignments. If you are having difficulty with assignments or some of the concepts, ask questions in class or see me.

Another method to check to see that reading is being done will be the use of quizzes. Some will be announced, some will not. As a general rule, expect at least one quiz per unit.

Contact Info **PLEASE KEEP******

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