

## **Syllabus for A.P. Macroeconomics**

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Welcome to A.P. Macroeconomics, an extremely challenging and rewarding class which will give you a thorough understanding of the principles of economics that apply to an economic system as a whole. This is an advanced class which is very different and much more demanding than your average high school class. This course focuses on seven main units:

- Basic Economic Concepts
- Measurement of Economic Performance
- National Income and Price Determination
- Financial Sector
- Inflation, Unemployment, and Stabilization Policies
- Economic Growth and Productivity
- Open Economy: International Trade and Finance

### **Student Responsibilities**

Due to the challenging nature of this class, you will be expected to:

- Complete all assigned work clearly and on time
- Take notes during class and keep an organized notebook
- Actively participate in all class activities

### **Course Assignments and Readings**

Students are required to complete assignments and readings by the due date. Students should not expect to succeed in this class without completing all the assigned readings. Class will consist mainly of lectures, class discussions and group learning activities. A variety of teaching strategies is essential to suit all learning styles.

### **Grading Policy**

Tests/Projects—40%

Homework—25%

Class Participation—25%

Quizzes—10%

**Tests** will be given usually after we complete a few chapters, and like the A.P. Exam, will consist of multiple choice and free response writing questions. It is essential to be fully committed to all assignments. Class participation is vital to demonstrate your understanding of the subject matter.

I am glad you have decided to enroll in this class. We will spend a great deal of time discussing what is happening in the global economy and I hope you are looking forward to this as much as I am.

### **The A.P. Macroeconomics Exam**

May 15 is the big day. On that day you will answer 60 multiple choice questions in 70 minutes, and then answer 3 free response questions in 50 minutes, after a 10 minute reading period. You will be graded on a scale of 1-5, if you earn a 3 or higher, you may earn university credit.