



AP Macroeconomics Summer Assignment

Jackson School District

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AP Macroeconomics is a class unlike any other you've ever taken. It will require you to think and reason beyond numbers and strict theory. It is a practical, forward-thinking science that is sometimes as difficult to predict as the weather. Complete the following assignment which will be collected the first day of class and counted as a quiz grade. If you have questions or difficulty with any topics, feel free to email me, and I will do my best to respond back within 48 hours.

Step #1: REVIEW THE COURSE SYLLABUS (on the following pages)

It will provide an overview of the course along with the topics of each unit.

Step #2: VOCABULARY DEFINITIONS

Understanding Macroeconomic terms is an important component of problem solving and analysis of topics throughout the course and on the AP exam. To that end, you are to use your textbook or Investopedia.com to define the following Unit 1 terms on notecards:

Economics	Opportunity Cost	Equilibrium Price	Comparative Advantage
Factors of Production	Production Possibilities	Equilibrium Quantity	Specialization
Inputs	Constant Costs	Normal Goods	Terms of Trade
Capital	Law of Increasing Opportunity Cost	Inferior Goods	Demand
Microeconomics	Absolute Advantage	Supply	Law of Demand
Macroeconomics	Business Cycle	Law of Supply	Quantity Demanded
Positive Economics	Recession	Quantity Supplied	Market Demand
Normative Economics	Recovery	Market Equilibrium	Substitutes
Ceteris Paribus	Trough	Scarcity	Complements
Fallacy of Composition	Unemployment	Inflation	Economic Growth

Step #3: IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE

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OVERVIEW

AP Macroeconomics emphasizes economic principles that apply to the economy as a whole. Topics discussed will reflect the material included in the AP Economics Course Description as published by College Board. Lessons include an analysis of national income and its components, economic indicators, inflation and unemployment, money and banking, stabilization policies, and the United States and world trade.

TEXTBOOK AND WORKBOOK

McConnell, Campbell R., Stanley L. Brue, and Sean Flynn. *Economics*, 21st ed. New York: McGraw Hill, 2018.

Morton, John. *Advanced Placement Economics: Macroeconomics Student Activities*, 3rd ed. New York: National Council on Economic Education, 2003.

ADDITIONAL READINGS AND TOOLS

The Wall Street Journal, The Economist, Khan Academy & ACDC Economics

GRADE EVALUATION

- 60% Assessments (Tests and Projects - - Quizzes will carry half-weight)
- 30% Participation (Classwork and discussions)
- 10% Homework (Assigned lectures for topic reinforcement)

Your final grade is averaged 28% MP2, 28% MP4, 28% MP6, 16% FE. There is no final exam exemption for AP courses. Your final exam grade will be an average of your last three practice AP Macro exam grades.

EXPECTATIONS

- AP Macroeconomic students are expected to have fulfilled course prerequisites. Those who have not may be asked to have a course waiver signed by a parent or guardian.
- All students are required to take the AP Macroeconomics exam that is administered in May.
- Students will come to class prepared and ready to contribute to class discussions.
- Upon entering class, students will store their cell phones in an assigned classroom storage caddy for the duration of the period.
- Prior to departing class, students will submit an exit ticket to communicate their level of lesson understanding.
- Assignments are due when they are due. Late submissions will only be accepted next-day for half credit.
- Students are responsible for make-up work in the event of an absence. Assignments can be found on the Google classroom.
- AP Macroeconomics is a Business class, and students are expected to behave in the spirit of professionalism.
- Additional after-/before-school study sessions will be added as needed in preparation for the AP exam.

COURSE OUTLINE

Unit One: Basic Economic Concepts

- A. Scarcity, choice, and opportunity cost
- B. Production possibilities curve
- C. Comparative advantage, specialization, and exchange
- D. Demand, supply, and market equilibrium
- E. Macroeconomic issues: business cycle, unemployment, inflation, growth

Unit Two: Measurement of Economic Performance

- A. National income accounts
- B. Inflation measurement and adjustment
- C. Unemployment

Unit Three: National Income and Price Determination

- A. Aggregate demand
- B. Aggregate supply
- C. Macroeconomic equilibrium

Unit Four: Financial Sector

- A. Money, banking, and financial markets
- B. Loanable funds market
- C. Central bank and control of the money supply

Unit Five: Inflation, Unemployment, and Stabilization

- A. Fiscal and monetary policies
- B. The Phillips Curve

Unit Six: Economic Growth

- A. Definition of economic growth
- B. Determinants of economic growth
- C. Growth policy

Unit Seven: Open Economy: International Trade and FOREX

- A. Balance of payments accounts
- B. Foreign exchange market
- C. Imports, exports, and capital flows
- D. Relationships between international and domestic financial and goods markets