Danville Area School District
Course Overview and Scope and Sequence

Course Title: AP Macroeconomics
Content Area: Social Studies
Grade Level: 11th/12th Grade
Date Developed: May 2023

COURSE OVERVIEW:

The main goal of the AP Macroeconomics course is to introduce students to the principles that apply to an economic system as a whole. The course prepares students to think like economists by using principles and models to describe economic situations and predict and explain outcomes. Like economists, students do so by using graphs, charts, and data. The AP Macroeconomics Course and Exam Description defines concepts, skills, and understandings required by representative colleges and universities for granting college credit or placement. This outline is the basis for the course at Danville Area High School.

ANCHOR STANDARDS:

- **ECONOMIC MEASUREMENTS (MEA)** Economists construct measurements to monitor the state of an economy and evaluate its performance over time. Governments, firms, and citizens often use these measurements to help inform policy, business, and personal decisions.
- **MARKETS (MKT)** Competitive markets bring together buyers and sellers to exchange goods and services for mutual gain. The simple model of supply–demand can be applied in different market contexts.
- **MACROECONOMIC MODELS (MOD)** Macroeconomic models are simplified representations that depict basic economic relationships and can be used to predict and explain how those relationships are affected by economic shocks.
- **MACROECONOMIC POLICIES (POL)** Government taxation and spending policies and central bank monetary policy can affect an economy's output, price level, and level of employment, both in the short run and in the long run.

KEY COURSE TEXT AND MATERIALS:

- *Krugman's Economics for the AP Course* (3rd Edition) by Anderson & Ray (textbook)
- *Krugman's Economics for the AP Course* (4th Edition) by Anderson & Ray (textbook)
- Teacher-created course website used in conjunction with Google Classroom (Google Site found at https://sites.google.com/danvillesd.org/mrmastdhs/home)
- Tech Tools - Google tools (sites, classroom, docs, slides, forms)
- *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *The Economist* (periodical sources from DHS Library subscriptions)
- AP Macroeconomics: Course & Exam Description (College Board - 2022)

KEY ASSESSMENTS:

Formative: topical quizzes, textbook module checks
Summative: unit tests, unit current event reports, AP Macroeconomics exam

SCOPE AND SEQUENCE					
Unit	PRIORITY STANDARDS	SUPPORTING STANDARDS	ASSESSMENT	MATERIALS	TIMEFRAME
Basic Economic Concepts	MOD, MKT	PA CC.8.5	textbook module checks, unit test	textbook, teacher site	*In AP Micro course (not repeated in AP Macro)
Macroeconomic Measures	MEA	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	textbook module checks, unit test, current event report	textbook, teacher site, periodical sources	8 days
Economic Models & Growth	MEA, MOD, POL	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	textbook module checks, topical quiz unit test, current event report	textbook, teacher site, periodical sources	13 days
Fiscal Policy	POL	PA CC.8.5	textbook module checks, unit	textbook, teacher	8 days

		PA CC.8.6	test, current event activity	site, periodical sources	
Monetary Policy	MEA, MKT, POL	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	textbook module checks, topical quiz unit test, current event report	textbook, teacher site, periodical sources	14 days
International Trade & Finance	MEA, MKT	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	textbook module checks, topical quiz unit test, current event report	textbook, teacher site, periodical sources	8 days
AP Exam Prep & Final Project	MEA, MKT, MOD, POL	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	AP Macroeconomics exam, final project	College Board released exams, teacher site	10 days + school days after exam