

AP Microeconomics Course Overview

Students enrolled in AP Microeconomics will engage with college-level material designed to provide a deep understanding of the economic principles that apply to individual decision-makers. This course requires a commitment to regular reading, class participation, and consistent preparation.

From the College Board: AP Microeconomics is an introductory college-level microeconomics course. Students cultivate their understanding of the principles that apply to the functions of individual economic decision-makers by using principles and models to describe economic situations and predict and explain outcomes with graphs, charts, and data as they explore concepts like scarcity and markets; costs, benefits, and marginal analysis; production choices and behavior; and market inefficiency and public policy.

Successful AP Microeconomics students have the following characteristics:

- Students should be interested in and curious about economics.
- Students should be organized and meet deadlines. Effective time management and ability to prioritize tasks are important. This means – keeping class materials readily at hand, keeping up with the unit calendar, making up work quickly when absent.
- Students should be willing to participate in class discussions, debates, presentations, and other active learning.
- Students should have strong reading comprehension skills. Textbook reading will be done outside of class.
- Students should be able to move beyond memorized material and answer a variety of stimulus-based multiple-choice questions and interpreting graphs

Reading Requirements:

- Students are expected to read **30-40 pages per week** (equivalent to 1-2 textbook chapters).
- The reading needs to be thorough, with an emphasis on taking detailed notes for comprehension.

Homework Expectations:

- Homework primarily involves reading and note-taking, estimated at **25-35 minutes per day**, if spread evenly throughout the week. Mostly reading the textbook
- In-class time is dedicated to active listening and participation.
- A **microeconomics workbook** will be required. Students will complete 2-3 workbook activities weekly.

Assessments:

- **Quizzes** will be given in each unit to reinforce learning.
- There will be **5 major tests per semester** covering substantial content. Each test includes:
 - A day of multiple-choice questions based on real-world scenarios.
 - A day of free-response questions.
- Homework will be occasionally checked, focusing on workbook assignments or handouts.
- There will be a cumulative test at the end of each semester that will count as one test grade.

AP Macroeconomics Course Overview

AP Macroeconomics explores economic principles on a larger scale, including national and global economies. The course demands the same level of rigor as AP Microeconomics, with an emphasis on regular reading and hands-on projects.

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Reading Requirements:

- As in AP Microeconomics, **30-40 pages per week** of reading (1-2 chapters) are expected.
- The reading needs to be thorough, with an emphasis on taking detailed notes for comprehension.

Homework Expectations:

- Daily reading and note-taking are the core of the homework, estimated to take **25-35 minutes per day**. Mostly reading the textbook
- In-class participation is essential.
- A **macroeconomics workbook** will be required, with 2-3 workbook activities each week.

Assessments:

- Unit quizzes will help gauge understanding throughout the semester.
- The course includes **5 significant tests per semester**, featuring:
 - A day of stimulus-based multiple-choice questions.
 - A day of free-response questions.
- Periodic checks will be made on workbook and handout assignments.
- There will be a cumulative test at the end of each semester that will count as one test grade.

Projects:

- The course includes two major projects:
 - A **Stock Market Project**.
 - A **Personal Finance Project**.