

Course at a Glance

Plan

The Course at a Glance provides a useful visual organization of the AP Macroeconomics curricular components, including:

- Sequence of units, along with approximate weighting and suggested pacing. Please note, pacing is based on 45-minute class periods, meeting five days each week for a full academic semester.
- Progression of topics within each unit.
- Spiraling of the big ideas and skills across units.

Teach

SKILL CATEGORIES

Skill categories spiral throughout the course.

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| 1 Principles and Models | 3 Manipulation |
| 2 Interpretation | 4 Graphing and Visuals |

BIG IDEAS

Big ideas spiral across topics and units.

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| MEA Economic Measurements | MOD Macroeconomic Models |
| MKT Markets | POL Macroeconomic Policies |

Assess

Assign the Personal Progress Checks—either as homework or in class—for each unit. Each Personal Progress Check contains formative multiple-choice and free-response questions. The feedback from the Personal Progress Checks shows students the areas where they need to focus.

UNIT
1

Basic Economic Concepts

~8–10 Class Periods **5–10%** AP Exam Weighting

MOD	1		1.1 Scarcity
MOD	4		1.2 Opportunity Cost and the Production Possibilities Curve (PPC)
MKT	1		1.3 Comparative Advantage and Gains from Trade
MKT	4		1.4 Demand
MKT	4		1.5 Supply
MKT	4		1.6 Market Equilibrium, Disequilibrium, and Changes in Equilibrium

Personal Progress Check 1

Multiple-choice: ~20 questions
Free-response: 2 questions

- Short
- Short

UNIT
2

Economic Indicators and the Business Cycle

~9–11 Class Periods **12–17%** AP Exam Weighting

MEA	1		2.1 The Circular Flow and GDP
MEA	1		2.2 Limitations of GDP
MEA	1		2.3 Unemployment
MEA	2		2.4 Price Indices and Inflation
MEA	3		2.5 Costs of Inflation
MEA	1		2.6 Real v. Nominal GDP
MEA	1		2.7 Business Cycles

Personal Progress Check 2

Multiple-choice: ~20 questions
Free-response: 2 questions

- Short
- Short

UNIT 3

National Income and Price Determination

~10–12 Class Periods **17–27%** AP Exam Weighting

MOD 4	3.1 Aggregate Demand (AD)
MOD 3	3.2 Multipliers
MOD 4	3.3 Short-Run Aggregate Supply (SRAS)
MOD 1	3.4 Long-Run Aggregate Supply (LRAS)
MOD 4	3.5 Equilibrium in the Aggregate Demand–Aggregate Supply (AD–AS) Model
MOD 4	3.6 Changes in the AD–AS Model in the Short Run
MOD 3	3.7 Long-Run Self-Adjustment
POL 2	3.8 Fiscal Policy
POL 1	3.9 Automatic Stabilizers

Personal Progress Check 3

Multiple-choice: ~25 questions
Free-response: 2 questions

- Short
- Short

UNIT 4

Financial Sector

~11–13 Class Periods **18–23%** AP Exam Weighting

MEA 1	4.1 Financial Assets
MEA 1	4.2 Nominal v. Real Interest Rates
MEA 1	4.3 Definition, Measurement, and Functions of Money
POL 3	4.4 Banking and the Expansion of the Money Supply
MKT 4	4.5 The Money Market
POL 2	4.6 Monetary Policy
MKT 4	4.7 The Loanable Funds Market

Personal Progress Check 4

Multiple-choice: ~20 questions
Free-response: 2 questions

- Short
- Short

UNIT 5

Long-Run Consequences of Stabilization Policies

~8–10 Class Periods **20–30%** AP Exam Weighting

POL 2	5.1 Fiscal and Monetary Policy Actions in the Short Run
MOD 4	5.2 The Phillips Curve
POL 3	5.3 Money Growth and Inflation
POL 3	5.4 Government Deficits and the National Debt
POL 3	5.5 Crowding Out
MEA MOD 2	5.6 Economic Growth
POL 2	5.7 Public Policy and Economic Growth

Personal Progress Check 5

Multiple-choice: ~20 questions
Free-response: 1 question

- Long

UNIT
6

Open Economy—
International
Trade and
Finance

~5–7

Class
Periods

10–13%

AP Exam
Weighting

MEA 1	6.1 Balance of Payments Accounts
MKT 1	6.2 Exchange Rates
MKT 4	6.3 The Foreign Exchange Market
MKT 4	6.4 Effect of Changes in Policies and Economic Conditions on the Foreign Exchange Market
MKT 3	6.5 Changes in the Foreign Exchange Market and Net Exports
MKT 3	6.6 Real Interest Rates and International Capital Flows

Personal Progress Check 6

Multiple-choice: ~20 questions

Free-response: 1 question

- Long