



COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of AP Macroeconomics is to give students a thorough understanding of the principles of economics that apply to the study of national income, price-level determination, and develops students' familiarity with economic performance measures, the financial sector, stabilization policies, economic growth, and international economics. The program prepares students for intermediate and advanced college courses by making demands upon them equivalent to those made by introductory college courses.

THE TYPICAL CLASS – DAY TO DAY

In any given week students may be asked (3-4 times a week) to annotate notes handout from an oral / PowerPoint lecture. On other days students may be using these notes to complete practice problems, study guides, or sketch out responses to FRQ prompts. From time to time, students do work in groups – from mini-simulations and peer review.

TYPICAL HOMEWORK

At home students are expected to read sections from their textbook and take notes on content that correlate with the information being discussed in class. Course homework will include (but not limited to) Khan Academy and College Board progress checks (utilized for formative assessments) and finishing any study guide portions not completed during class.

ASSESSMENTS

Formative and summative assessments are integrated into the AP Microeconomics course. Students are expected to take both computer based formative tests as well in class written short responses to help them, and the teacher, gauge their understanding of course material. At the close of each unit students take a 25-30 question multiple choice test and an FRQ as part of their summative grade. Furthermore, three lengthy FRQ and a 60-question multiple choice test are given as summative assessment at the end of the course. Unlike many standard or honors social studies courses, AP Economics requires a great deal of analyzing and synthesizing economic data to arrive at conclusions based on evidence and content.

** The day to day lessons, homework, and assessments noted above are subject to change at the teacher and PLC discretion. The information above is put forth to help students and their families better understand the expectations of the course. Furthermore, multiple PVHS teachers may teach AP Macroeconomics – no student should enroll for this course with the expectation they will get any one teacher in particular.*