

Course Title: AP Economics
Credit / Hours: 1 credit

Board Approval Date: June, 2010

Course Description:

This course focuses on mastery of the PA Academic Standards for Economics. Design as a college-level course, students in AP economics study both microeconomics and macroeconomics. The experience culminates in the spring when they have the option of taking two AP exams, one covering each semester of study. The first half of the course is driven heavily by emphasis on how and why markets function and the variations between market structures. The second half focuses on evaluating the economy as a whole and exploring the capabilities and processes through which the Federal Government and Federal Reserve can influence overall levels of economic stability. The role and interactions of the US in foreign economies, and the influences of said interactions on consumers, is also explored. Ultimately the goal is to both assist students in obtaining a grasp of the content as well as to ensure they are prepared for the AP exams.

Learning Activities / Modes of Assessment:

Large group instruction	Tests and Quizzes
Economic simulations	Checklists / Teacher Observation
Small group work	Projects with Rubrics
Computer simulations	Media/article analysis
Group testing	Business plan writing
Stock market simulation	Research activities

Instructional Resources:

Principles of Economics (Thomson, 2004)
Economics (McGraw-Hill, 2002)

Course Pacing Guide

Course: AP Economics (grades 11&12)

Course Unit (Topic)	Length of Instruction
1. Introduction to Economics	12 Days
2. How Markets Work	18 Days
3. The Economics of the Public Sector	8 Days
4. Market Structures	30 Days
5. The Economics of Labor Markets	12 Days
6. The Data of Macroeconomics	10 Days
7. The Real Economy in the Long Run	12 Days
8. The Monetary System	14 Days
9. Macroeconomics of Open Economies	14 Days
10. Short-Run Economic Fluctuations	28 Days
11. Business Plan Writing	12 Days