

# Course at a Glance

## Plan

The Course at a Glance provides a useful visual organization of the AP Microeconomics 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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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Principles and Models | <b>3</b> Manipulation         |
| <b>2</b> Interpretation        | <b>4</b> Graphing and Visuals |

### BIG IDEAS

*Big ideas spiral across topics and units.*

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|---|--|
| <b>MKT</b> Scarcity and Markets                   | <b>PRD</b> Production Choices and Behavior       |
| <b>CBA</b> Costs, Benefits, and Marginal Analysis | <b>POL</b> Market Inefficiency and Public Policy |

## 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**

**~9–11** Class Periods

**12–15%** AP Exam Weighting

<b>MKT</b>	<b>1.1 Scarcity</b>
<b>1</b>	
<b>MKT</b>	<b>1.2 Resource Allocation and Economic Systems</b>
<b>1</b>	
<b>MKT</b>	<b>1.3 Production Possibilities Curve</b>
<b>4</b>	
<b>MKT</b>	<b>1.4 Comparative Advantage and Trade</b>
<b>1</b>	
<b>CBA</b>	<b>1.5 Cost-Benefit Analysis</b>
<b>1</b>	
<b>CBA</b>	<b>1.6 Marginal Analysis and Consumer Choice</b>
<b>2</b>	

### Personal Progress Check 1

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

- Short
- Short

**UNIT**  
**2**

**Supply and Demand**

**~13–15** Class Periods

**20–25%** AP Exam Weighting

<b>MKT</b>	<b>2.1 Demand</b>
<b>4</b>	
<b>MKT</b>	<b>2.2 Supply</b>
<b>4</b>	
<b>MKT</b>	<b>2.3 Price Elasticity of Demand</b>
<b>3</b>	
<b>MKT</b>	<b>2.4 Price Elasticity of Supply</b>
<b>3</b>	
<b>MKT</b>	<b>2.5 Other Elasticities</b>
<b>3</b>	
<b>MKT</b>	<b>2.6 Market Equilibrium and Consumer and Producer Surplus</b>
<b>2</b>	
<b>MKT</b>	<b>2.7 Market Disequilibrium and Changes in Equilibrium</b>
<b>3</b>	
<b>POL</b>	<b>2.8 The Effects of Government Intervention in Markets</b>
<b>4</b>	
<b>POL</b>	<b>2.9 International Trade and Public Policy</b>
<b>4</b>	

### Personal Progress Check 2

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

- Short
- Short

**UNIT  
3****Production, Cost,  
and the Perfect  
Competition Model****~11–13** Class  
Periods **22–25%** AP Exam  
Weighting

<b>PRD</b> 1	<b>3.1</b> The Production Function
<b>PRD</b> 4	<b>3.2</b> Short-Run Production Costs
<b>PRD</b> 1	<b>3.3</b> Long-Run Production Costs
<b>CBA</b> 1	<b>3.4</b> Types of Profit
<b>CBA</b> 2	<b>3.5</b> Profit Maximization
<b>PRD</b> 2	<b>3.6</b> Firms' Short-Run Decisions to Produce and Long-Run Decisions to Enter or Exit a Market
<b>PRD</b> 4	<b>3.7</b> Perfect Competition

**Personal Progress Check 3**

Multiple-choice: ~20 questions

Free-response: 2 questions

- Short
- Short

**UNIT  
4****Imperfect  
Competition****~8–10** Class  
Periods **15–22%** AP Exam  
Weighting

<b>PRD</b> 1	<b>4.1</b> Introduction to Imperfectly Competitive Markets
<b>PRD</b> 4	<b>4.2</b> Monopoly
<b>PRD</b> 4	<b>4.3</b> Price Discrimination
<b>PRD</b> 4	<b>4.4</b> Monopolistic Competition
<b>PRD</b> 2	<b>4.5</b> Oligopoly and Game Theory

**Personal Progress Check 4**

Multiple-choice: ~15 questions

Free-response: 2 questions

- Short
- Long

**UNIT  
5****Factor Markets****~6–8** Class  
Periods **10–13%** AP Exam  
Weighting

<b>PRD</b> 1	<b>5.1</b> Introduction to Factor Markets
<b>PRD</b> 3	<b>5.2</b> Changes in Factor Demand and Factor Supply
<b>PRD</b> 2	<b>5.3</b> Profit-Maximizing Behavior in Perfectly Competitive Factor Markets
<b>PRD</b> 2	<b>5.4</b> Monopsonistic Markets

**Personal Progress Check 5**

Multiple-choice: ~10 questions

Free-response: 1 question

- Short

UNIT  
**6**

## Market Failure and the Role of Government

**~9–11**

Class  
Periods

**8–13%**

AP Exam  
Weighting

POL

2

**6.1 Socially Efficient and Inefficient Market Outcomes**

POL

4

**6.2 Externalities**

POL

1

**6.3 Public and Private Goods**

POL

4

**6.4 The Effects of Government Intervention in Different Market Structures**

POL

1

**6.5 Inequality**

### Personal Progress Check 6

Multiple-choice: ~15 questions

Free-response: 2 questions

- Short
- Long