

AP Economics workshop 08
Silver State AP Institute
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Syllabus

The workshop will cover the major topics of both Microeconomics and Macroeconomics including:

Basic Concepts, Supply and Demand, Consumer Choice, Production Cost, Market Structure, Factor Market, Market Failures, Measurement of Economic Performance, National Income and Price Level, Financial Sector, Inflation and Unemployment, Economic Growth and Productivity and Micro and Macro Perspectives on International Trade

Under each of the major topics areas that present difficulty to students will be examined and discussed including:

- A. Pacing
- B. Strategies for effective teaching and learning
- C. A look at past A.P. questions (both multiple choice and free-response)
- D. Specific content problems
- E. Resources available

Throughout the workshop various methodologies will be employed including:

- A. Socratic discussions
- B. Computer presentations
- C. Case studies
- D. Worksheet applications
- E. Problem solving

Course Organization will be examined:

- A. Preparing for the Collegeboard audit
- B. Text selection
- C. Course organization: Macro? Micro? Or both
- D. Student selections
- E. Planning the units
- F. What teacher's need to do before the first day of class

Time is a scarce commodity in any workshop. There is much to do and so little time. To accommodate participants' specific needs each participant will be given the opportunity to request specific topics. Throughout the workshop participants will provide continuous feedback. A successful workshop should generate ideas, questions, and maybe even a few conclusions.

Although every relevant issue might not receive full attention because of time limitations, each participant will receive a handbook provided by me that covers all of the content, planning, activities, correlated test questions, etc. The manual will also be provided on

cd to facilitate “cut and paste” use by teachers. Past experiences have shown that teachers have found these resources to be valuable aides in the teaching of their AP course.

It is recommended that teachers bring a copy of the text that they intent to use if it is already selected. If the text has not been selected yet, the workshop will help you make your textbook decision. It is also recommended that you bring your school calendar for next year. The more thorough the calendar the better it will be. The intent is to help you get a jumpstart on your course organization for next year.

If you have access to a notebook computer, please bring it with you. If you do not, that is OK, too.

Any questions, contact Dick Brunelle at DickBru@aol.com