

Syllabus**

AP Economics (2008-2009) 1 Course Credit
Mr. Simmons. Phone Extension 305. Room 106.

Texts:

1. **N. Gregory Mankiw, *Principles of Economics*. 2nd Edition. Harcourt College Publishers, 2001. *Provided to the student for the school year.***
2. **John S. Morton, *Advanced Placement Microeconomics Workbook*. NCEE, 2003; *must be purchased at beginning of the year by the student.***
3. **John S. Morton, *Advanced Placement Macroeconomics Workbook*. NCEE, 2003; *must be purchased at beginning of the year by the student.***

The primary purpose of this class is to prepare students for the AP exams in May. In general, however, the class serves to offer students new skills and perspectives related to all major economic concepts. All students will participate in the Federal Reserve Essay contest sponsored by the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank in April. Students will participate in the *Economics Challenge* sponsored by the Minnesota Council on Economic Education April/May.

Semester 1

Microeconomics: Chapters 1-21 Mankiw. Homework assigned from Mankiw, Morton and other.

Semester 2

Macroeconomics: Chapters 22-34 Mankiw. Homework assigned from Mankiw, Morton, and other.

Tutoring: Available after school 2:45-3:15 in room 106 or by appointment.

Homework/Projects:

Homework will not normally be handed in, but on occasion credit will be given for completing it. If you are absent on a day when homework is due, you will have two school days after your return to complete any missing assignments and show the instructor to obtain credit. It is *your* responsibility to find out what you need to do. No credit is given for unexcused late work. Special arrangements can be made for long illnesses and other circumstances. All notices for homework due, quizzes, exams, etc., will be detailed on the chalkboard in the classroom.

** SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Items you need for class:

1) Text. 2) Three-ring binder with loose-leaf paper, graph paper. 3) Pen, pencil, highlighter, and calculator.

Absences/Tardiness:

If you are absent, it is *your* responsibility to obtain any missing work or assignments from the instructor or other classmates. It is not the teacher’s responsibility to remind you about late work. Tardy policy; if you are late for class without a valid excuse, you will have mandatory tutoring for the day.

Cheating:

Discipline for cheating/unethical work will be addressed by the Assistant Headmaster or Dean of Students. If the instructor has determined that cheating has occurred *or* has good reason to believe that it has taken place, the instructor will determine the academic consequences for this specific class on a case-by-case basis.

AP Exam:

Students will take the AP Micro and Macroeconomic exams in May. These exams will be administered on Thursday, May 14th, 2009. They will be taken in lieu of a final exam at the end of the second semester.

Exam/Quizzes:

Tests for the class will be announced and posted in class. Quizzes will likely be announced, but this will not happen in all situations. If you are absent on a test day or when a quiz is given, a make-up quiz or exam can be taken within two days of your return. It is *your* responsibility to schedule the exam with the teacher. Unusual accommodations must be agreed upon with the teacher. If you are present on an exam or quiz day, the teacher will make the decision whether the student takes the exam or quiz on that day or would be allowed to take it at a later time.

Semester grades will be calculated as described below. Quarter grades will be calculated by the online grading system using all the points from the quarter, including tests, quizzes, and homework. Semester grades will be calculated by the online grading system, using percentages from each quarter and the semester exam to calculate the final percentage and the subsequent final semester grade. Points may be added in your favor or grades improved in situations—for example—where students show significant improvement and progress; this is the instructor’s decision.

Quarter 1 40%	Quarter 2 40%	Semester Final 20% (cumulative)
Grading scale:		
A 93–100%	B- 80–83%	D+ 67–70%
A- 90–93%	C+ 77–80%	D 63–67%
B+ 87–90%	C 73–77%	D- 60–63%
B 83–87	C- 70–73%	F Below 60%

*** If you take the AP Exam, you will receive the 1.2 weight assigned to this AP class. If you choose to *not* take the AP exam, your semester 1 and 2 grades will be readjusted to a 1.1 weight.**