**AP Macro Course Outline**

***Spring 2020***

This is a preliminary outline of assignments for this course. It is subject to change due to unforeseen current events, subject difficulties or miscalculations on my part. Assignments and topics **will be added** or subtracted at my discretion. You will be given notice of changes in the assignments. Note that all assignments below are due on the date listed in this outline. Therefore, you should do the readings at the latest on the night before the date for which they are listed. There are still lots of other videos and help on acdcecon.com, reffonomics.com and kahnacademy.com if those help you. Just look up the topics on the schedule.

**Tues. 1/7** Course Introduction: Pass out syllabus and books and define course.

**Wed. 1/8** Economic Measurements and GDP: Read Module 10.

Discuss components of GDP and expenditures vs. income approach.

**Thurs. 1/9** More on GDP: Read Module 11.

Includes problems with GDP and other methods.

Read Handout – “Why GDP is a faulty measure of success”

**Fri. 1/10** More GDP

HW – Lesson 2, Act. 12 due.

**Mon. 1/13** Economic Growth and Business Cycles: Read Module 2.

**Tues. 1/14** Start Unemployent: Read Modules 12 and 13.

**Wed. 1/15** More Unemployment

Includes types of unemployment, natural rate, Okun’s Law, and costs of unemployment.

Read Handout - “Automation and Anxiety.”

**Thurs. 1/16** Start Inflation: Read Module 14.

Includes CPI, measurements, types/causes of inflation.

HW – Lesson 4, Act. 16 due.

**Fri. 1/17** More inflation: Read Module 15.

Includes who is helped/hurt.

Inflation activity in class.

**Monday 1/20 MLK Day!**

**Tues. 1/21** Marginal Propensity to Save/Consume: Read Module 16.

Includes consumption/savings schedules, determinants.

HW – Lesson 3, Act. 15 due.

**Wed. 1/22** Investment issues and Multiplier Effect: Read More Module 16.

**Thurs. 1/23** Catch-up and Review and Practice Questions

HW – Lesson1 Activity 21 due.

**Group 1 Articles.**

**Fri. 1/24**  **Test #1**

**Mon. 1/27** Start Fiscal Policy

***Unit 1 – Measurement of Economic Performance***

I. GDP Measurement and National Income

*Chapters 6 and 7*

A. Measuring national output

1. GDP

a. Components of GDP

b. Expenditure approach vs. income approach

c. Real versus nominal GDP

d. Problems with calculating GDP

B. Inflation and Unemployment

1. The business cycle

2. Unemployment

a. how it is measured

b. natural rate

c. types – cyclical, structural, frictional, seasonal

d. GDP gap

3. Inflation

a. CPI and how it is measured

b. real v. nominal

c. problems with CPI

d. types – demand pull v. cost push

e. impact of inflation

f. inflationary gap