

# AP Macroeconomics Summer Assignment

Hello Team!

I'm Mr. Gaulin and I am super excited to be your AP Macroeconomics teacher. It's a challenging class but one that I hope will give you a new perspective on the world around you.

**Your summer assignment is to master an import introductory concept for the class: supply and demand.** This is a foundational topic for the class and studying it over the summer will give you a head start on the material and allow you to hit the ground running in the fall.

To assist you in this endeavor, I have created several assignments for you to work on. All of these assignments are posted to a special Google Classroom page called "AP Economics Summer Assignment." The code for this page is: **zjqtczm**.

**Your mastery of this material will be assessed on a quiz on the first day of class in August.**

*What am I asking you to do?*

I'm asking you to watch several videos, review several PowerPoints, read one chapter in your economics textbook, and complete some practice assignments.

*Am I collecting any work related to these assignments on the first day of class?*

No.

*Will you get in trouble for not doing this?*

It depends what you mean by "trouble." Ha ha. Yes, you'll run into trouble on the quiz on the first day of class. And you'll miss the opportunity to master a concept that cascades through the entire class. Other than that, no trouble whatsoever.

*How long will this take?*

About 10-12 hours. But I would not try to master it in a single sitting or even two 6-hour sittings. Do it in chunks, as I have assigned it. The material needs to percolate in your mind.

*Do I need a textbook?*

No. I've posted a pdf copy of the chapter that I want you to read on the Google Classroom page.

*When should you start these assignments?*

I would start them in late July or early August. If you start in June, you are likely to forget what you have learned before the first day of class.

***Am I going to post the answers to my assignments?***

No. Email me if you have questions.

***Will I be covering this material in class?***

Yes, but when I do, I will assume you already know the basics. This will allow us to cover the material more quickly and jump right into more complicated uses of supply and demand. You must understand the basics before class starts, or you'll be playing catch up all semester.

***Am I available to help you?***

Yes. I will host 2 Google Meets over the summer. These meeting will be for you to ask questions and clarify your thinking, not for me to teach what is already posted on the webpage.

***Where do you start?***

Go to the Google Classroom page called “AP Economics Summer Assignment” and register with the following course code: [zjqtczm](#). Then, go to the “classwork” tab. I’ll have assignments organized by day (Day 1, Day 2, Day 3, etc). Each day’s work will take 1-2 hours. I will have all the assignments posted by Monday 6/14/21.

***What if you don't have AP Economics until the spring of 2022?***

It would still behoove you to do the assignments over the summer. Remember, you’ll have a quiz related to this material on the first day of class regardless of whether you have Economics or Government in the fall. That said, if you are enrolled in Economics in the spring, you might want to revisit these assignments over winter break to make sure you haven’t forgotten them.

***Are you an overachiever? Do you want to do more than I'm asking you to do?***

If yes, keep yourself busy by reading *The Undercover Economist* by Tim Harford. It’s a great book that highlights the role of economics in everyday life.

***Do you have questions or concerns?***

If yes, send me a message through the Google Classroom page or shoot me an email at [tgaulin@orangeusd.org](mailto:tgaulin@orangeusd.org).