

MADLY PRODUCTIVE PATHWAYS

Unit 1: Basic Economic Concepts

Topic 1.1: Scarcity

Standards & Skills Map

LO: MOD-1.A | Skill: 1.A | Portfolio: Advisor Memo 1

Aligned to the AP® Macroeconomics Course Framework (Effective Fall 2022)

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Alignment to the AP® Course Framework

This document gives you the standards-alignment evidence you need for the AP® Course Audit and for gradebook tagging. All references are to the *AP Macroeconomics Course and Exam Description* (Effective Fall 2022, publicly available from College Board).

Learning Objective covered

- LO MOD-1.A: Define scarcity and economic resources.

Essential Knowledge addressed (referenced by code)

- **EK MOD-1.A.1** — Individuals and societies are forced to make choices because most resources are scarce.

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Course Skill practiced

Skill	Description	Where it appears
1.A	Describe economic concepts, principles, or models.	Guided Notes; Slides 4–8; Advisor Memo; MCQs 1, 2, 5; Mini-FRQ Parts 1–2

The CED's suggested skill for 1.1 is 1.A. Per the CED, the suggested skill is a starting point — students use all four skill categories across the course.

Economic Advisor Portfolio alignment

This topic launches the course-long Economic Advisor Portfolio with **Advisor Memo 1: Identify the Republic of Meridian's scarce resources and its central economic choice.** — the foundational entry and the in-class application activity. Students apply scarcity and the four economic resources to a fictional economy (the Republic of Meridian). Graphing entries (the Graph Bank) begin in Topic 1.2 with the PPC.

AP Exam connection

- The MCQ set mirrors the set-based stimulus format of the multiple-choice section (60 MCQ, 66.65% of the exam).
- The Mini-FRQ practices the **short free-response** format (the exam has one long + two short FRQs).
- Skill 1 (Principles & Models) accounts for 30–40% of the multiple-choice section; this topic builds that base.

Course Audit Notes (for syllabus submission)

If you are completing the AP Course Audit, the following curricular requirements are supported by this topic. Use this map as evidence in your syllabus narrative.

Curricular Requirement	How Topic 1.1 supports it
Develop understanding of required content	Mini-lesson + Guided Notes cover EK MOD-1.A.1 (scarcity and economic resources) in full.
The four AP Economics skill categories	Skill 1 (Principles & Models) is explicit in every item; per-item tags allow precise grading.
College-level Principles of Macroeconomics textbook	This curriculum supplements, not replaces, a school-adopted college-level textbook. Pair with your textbook's 'scarcity and the economizing problem' chapter.
Use of graphs and models	Scarcity is the conceptual foundation; the PPC model (Topic 1.2) is the first graph in the Advisor Portfolio Graph Bank.

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