Course Description

This course will formalize the lessons we learned from microeconomic principles (which is a required course) using mathematical models (knowledge of calculus required). Our models will help us analyze how consumers and producers make rational choices, and how those choices interact with one another under various market structures. Having established the general framework for analyzing household decision-making, we will look at the special case of making decisions without full information.

Required Resources

Access to the MyEconLab is required. Please follow the instructions at the end of this syllabus to open your MyEconLab account.

Your first assignments are due on MyEconLab on Sep 5; please have your account set up by then. If you are unsure about taking this class, consider getting a trial version of MyEconLab.

Recommended Resources

Microeconomics: Theory and Applications with Calculus, by Perloff, Fourth Edition

You can purchase the paperback (ISBN 9780134483368), the loose leaf (ISBN 9780134472751), or the simple e-text version (ISBN 9780134153926). They all (should) come with an access code for the MyEconLab portal and the e-text. Access to the MyEconLab portal is required.

Alternately, you can get the book from a different source (rental/used bookstore/an older student, earlier version is fine) and then purchase the access code for the MyEconLab portal separately.

Note: Used books (from Amazon/eBay/friends) may not come with MyEconLab access code. Check before purchasing secondhand books, or be prepared to buy the access code separately.
Course Outline

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Homework

Most weeks, you will have a homework due on MyEconLab. No reminders will be given in class, and extensions are not possible – please be aware of this. I will drop two homework assignments before evaluating the scores. They will always be due on Sundays at 11:59pm (except for long weekends, when they are due Tuesdays at 11:59pm). You are encouraged to work in groups.

Accommodations

If you have a disability and will be requesting accommodations for this course, please register with either Kathy Duggan (kathleen.duggan@bc.edu) Associate Director, Academic Support Services, the Connors Family Learning Center (learning disabilities and ADHD) or Paulette Durrett (paulette.durrett@bc.edu), Assistant Dean for Students with Disabilities (all other disabilities). Advance notice and appropriate documentation are required for accommodations.

If you need exam accommodations due to disabilities, or religious or sports-related conflict, please notify me in advance.

Academic Integrity

Boston College has zero tolerance for violations of academic integrity. Read more here.

Tips for Success

- Start studying early. Don’t fall behind.
- Please be comfortable with the materials on Math Review.
- Review the materials from Micro Principles if you are not comfortable with it.
- Work on your homework in groups, but make sure you understand the problems.
- I am here to help. This is literally my job. I have one job (okay, multiple jobs, they don’t pay all that well). Interrupt me in class with questions. Send me emails. Come to my office hours. Set up extra hours with me.
- Your TA is here to help. You might like your TA’s explanations better than mine. You might like your TA better than me. Seek her assistance as needed.
To register for Microeconomic Theory with Ratib Ali, Fall 2018:

2. Under Register, select Student.
3. Confirm you have the information needed, then select OK! Register now.
4. Enter your instructor’s course ID: ali18858, and Continue.
5. Enter your existing Pearson account username and password to Sign In.
   You have an account if you have ever used a MyLab or Mastering product.
   » If you don’t have an account, select Create and complete the required fields.
6. Select an access option.
   » Enter the access code that came with your textbook or that you purchased separately from the bookstore.
   » If available for your course,
     • Buy access using a credit card or PayPal.
     • Get temporary access.
7. From the You’re Done! page, select Go To My Courses.
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