

**BOSTON COLLEGE**  
**Department of Economics**

**Economics 740**  
**Microeconomic Theory I**

**Module 1**

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 3:00 - 4:30

*Objective:*

This course is designed to strengthen your economic intuition, develop a sound understanding of the economic reasoning underlying conventional assumptions and models, and help you gain a facility with basic mathematical formulations of economic problems.

*Text:*

Nicholson, Walter. Microeconomic Theory: Basic Principles and Extensions, Seventh Edition. Dryden Press, 1998.

*Problem Sets:*

Problem sets will be distributed throughout the course. They will be graded and returned with comments.

*Grade:*

Problem Sets	10%
Midterm	40%
Final Exam	50%

*Module Syllabus:*

I.	Introduction and the Mathematics of Optimization	Sept 3
	Review chapters 1 and 2	
II.	Consumer Theory	Sept 8-24
	Chapter 3	Sept 8-10
	Chapter 4	Sept 10-15
	Chapter 5	Sept 17-21(M)
	Chapter 6	Sept 22
	Chapter 7	Sept 24
	<i>MIDTERM</i>	<i>Sept 28(M)</i>
III.	Producer Theory	Sept 29-Oct 13
	Chapter 11	Sept 29-Oct 1
	Chapter 12	Oct 6-8
	Chapter 13	Oct 13
IV.	Competitive Equilibrium (Chapter 14)	Oct 15
	<i>FINAL EXAM</i>	<i>Oct 19(M)</i>