

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

Principles of Microeconomics  
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Office hours: Monday 3-4:30  
Wednesday 3-4:30

On occasion, my hours on Monday will be changed to 5-6:30 - I will let you know ahead of time when this happens. If you can not come in at these times, give me a call or email and we can set up a different time to meet.

Course Objective: To become familiar with the foundations of Microeconomics. Economics has its own set of tools and language. Emphasis will be placed on expressing ideas in a logical and concise manner, consistent with the language of economics. Graphs will often be used to convey these principles.

Text:

REQUIRED - Tresch, Richard, Principles of Economics, West Publishing Company

OPTIONAL - Study Guide to Accompany Principles of Economics. I will not be assigning any problems from this book. It is strictly for your own use. Be warned that many of the answers in the back of the book are incorrect.

Course Requirements:

Breakdown of grades

	<u>% of grade</u>
Homework	15%
Quizzes	15%
Midterm	30%
Final	40%

## Schedule

F 1/26	HW1 handed out
F 2/2	HW1 due
F 2/9	Quiz 1, HW 2 handed out
F 2/16	HW 2 due
F 2/23	Quiz 2
W 2/28	Midterm (50 minutes)
F 3/1	HW 3 handed out
3/4-3/8	SPRING BREAK!
F 3/15	HW 3 due
F 3/22	Quiz 3, HW 4 handed out
F 3/29	HW 4 due
F 4/12	Quiz 4, HW 5 handed out
F 4/19	HW 5 due
F 4/26	Quiz 5
Sat 5/4	Final 12:30 (1 PM class)
M 5/6	Final 12:30 (2 PM class)

At the end of the semester I will drop your lowest (or missing) quiz grade and your lowest (or missing) homework grade. Make up quizzes will not be given.

No make up exams will be given. A missed exam will receive a grade of ZERO unless you notify me ahead of time and I give my consent for you to miss it. Personal illness will require a note from the health center. If you have a valid excuse for missing an exam, the rest of your grades will be reweighted.

The course will closely follow the text. I **STRONGLY** recommend keeping up with the reading in the text. You are permitted (and encouraged) to work together on the problem sets. Class participation is certainly encouraged.

Academic Integrity: You are expected to do your own work on quizzes and exams. Any violations of this standard will be dealt with as detailed in the BC Student Handbook.