

BOSTON COLLEGE
Department of Economics

EC 201
Microeconomic Theory

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Syllabus

Course Description: EC 201 develops a theoretical framework with which to analyze the two basic economic units, the consumer and the producer. This analysis is then employed to investigate the determination of price and output in various market situations. Criteria for analyzing economic welfare are developed, and the performances of economic systems are assessed.

Prerequisites: One semester of calculus (e.g., MT 100).

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Textbook: Katz and Rosen, *Microeconomics*, 3rd ed.

Course Outline: The following readings are from Katz and Rosen.

- I. Consumer Theory (Chapters 2-3, Chapter 4, Section 4.1, Chapter 5, pp. 121-130; if time permits, Chapter 4, Sections 4.2-4.4)
- II. Theory of the Firm (Chapters 8-9 and Chapter 10, Section 10.1)
- III. Monopoly Theory (Chapter 13, Sections 13.1-13.2)
- IV. General Equilibrium Analysis and Welfare Economics (Chapter 12, Sections 12.1-12.2)

Examinations and Problem Sets: There will be three exams – two midterms and a final. The final will be cumulative. There will also be several problem sets.

Grading:

Midterm 1:	25%
Midterm 2:	30%
Final:	30%
Problem Sets:	15%

Examination Make-up Policy: The following policy will be strictly enforced. To be sure that you are not penalized for missing an exam, you must obtain my approval before the exam.