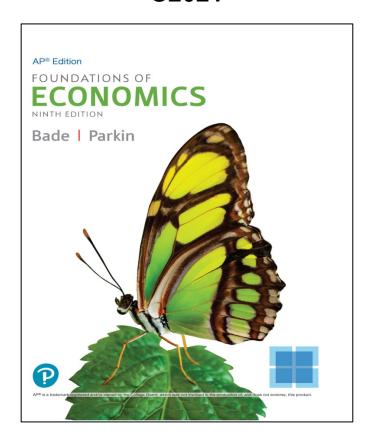


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#### **Big Ideas in Microeconomics**

**Big Idea 1:** Scarcity and Markets (MKT)

Big Idea 2: Costs, Benefits, and Marginal Analysis (CBA)

**Big Idea 3:** Production Choices and Behavior (PRD)

**Big Idea 4:** Market Inefficiency and Public Policy (POL)

#### **Big Ideas in Macroeconomics**

Big Idea 1: Economic Measurements (MEA)

**Big Idea 2:** Markets (MKT)

**Big Idea 3:** Macroeconomic Models (MOD)

**Big Idea 4:** Macroeconomic Policies (POL)

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MKT-1: Most resources are scarce, and in most cases use of resources involves constraints and trade-offs.	Scarcity and Markets (MKT)	Chapters 1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 3.2, 6.1, 14.1  Definitions and Questions (scarcity and costs), 2–8; The Economic Way of Thinking (choice, property rights and the role of incentives), 8–13; Chapter Summary, 19; Chapter Checkpoint, 20–22; Economic Systems, 41-46; Scarcity 61-64; Opportunity Cost, 66–69; Chapter Summary, 79; Chapter Summary, 79; Chapter Checkpoint, 80–82; Economic Systems, 140-141; Economic Cost and Profit, 348–351
MKT-1: Production and consumption increase by engaging in trade.	Markets (MKT)	Chapter 3.4  Specialization and Trade (comparative advantage, exchange, and gains from trade), 73–77; Checkpoint, 78; Chapter Summary, 79; Chapter Checkpoint, 80–82
MOD-1: The production possibilities curve (PPC) model is used to demonstrate the full-employment level of output and to illustrate changes in full employment.	Macroeconomic Models (MOD)	Chapters 3.1, 6.2, 22.3, 24.9  Production Possibilities (unemployment in PPFs), 60–68, 70, 143 Unemployment and Full Employment, 578–584; The Demand for Labor, 619–620; The Supply of Labor, 621–622
<b>CBA-1:</b> Rational economic decisions require evaluation of costs and benefits	Costs, Benefits, and Marginal Analysis (CBA)	Chapters 1.2, 3.2, 4.1, 13.1, 13.2, 13a, 14.1  The Economic Way of Thinking (costs, benefits, marginal analysis), 8–13; Opportunity Cost, 66–69; Chapter Summary, 79; Chapter Checkpoint, 80–82;

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<b>MKT-2:</b> The consequences of scarcity can be mitigated through specialization in production and by exchange.	Scarcity and Markets (MKT)	Chapter 3.4, 9.3, 14.3  Specialization and Trade, 73–77, 218-219, 221, 367; Checkpoint, 78; Chapter Summary, 79; Chapter Checkpoint, 80–82
MKT-2: In a competitive market, demand for and supply of a good or service determine the equilibrium price.	Markets (MKT)	Chapters 4.1, 4.2, 4.3  Demand (determinants of demand), 85–91; Supply (determinants of supply), 92–99; Market Equilibrium, 100–108; Chapter Summary, 109; Chapter Checkpoint, 110–112
CBA-2: To determine the optimal level at which to pursue an activity whose total benefits exceed total cost, rational economic agents compare marginal benefits and marginal costs.	Costs, Benefits, and Marginal Analysis (CBA)	Chapters 10, 11.2, 11.3, 14.3, 15.1  Externalities, 243–245; Negative Externalities: Pollution (marginal social benefit and marginal social cost, remedies), 246–256; Positive Externalities, 257–262; Chapter Summary, 263; Chapter Checkpoint, 264–265; Public Goods and the Free-Rider Problem (public goods vs private goods, provision of public goods), 271–279; The Tragedy of

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MKT-3: Individuals and firms respond to incentives and face constraints.	Scarcity and Markets (MKT)	Chapters 1.2, 4.1, 4.2, 5, 10, 11.3  Incentives, 11; Demand, 85–91; Supply, 92–99; The Price Elasticity of Demand, 114–125; The Price Elasticity of Supply, 126–130; Cross Elasticity and Income Elasticity, 131–134; Chapter Summary, 135; Chapter Checkpoint, 136–138; Externalities, 243–245; Negative Externalities: Pollution, 246–256; Positive Externalities, 257–262; Chapter Summary, 263; Chapter Checkpoint, 264–265; The Tragedy of the Commons, 280–288
<b>MKT-4:</b> Although equilibria are stable, an economy can move from one equilibrium to another if market conditions change	Scarcity and Markets (MKT)	Chapters 4.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5  Market Equilibrium, 100–108; Allocation Methods and Efficiency, 140–147; Value, Price, and Consumer Surplus, 148–150;

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POL-1: Government policies influence consumer and producer behavior and therefore affect market outcomes.	Market Inefficiency and Public Policy (POL)	Chapter 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 9.2, 9.3, 16.5, 18.4  Price Ceilings (price controls), 170–175; Price Floors, 176–182; Production Quotas (quantity controls), 183–186; Chapter Summary, 187; Chapter Checkpoint, 188–190; Taxes on Buyers and Sellers (tax incidence and deadweight loss), 192–197; Income Taxes and Social Security Taxes, 198–205; Fairness and the Big Tradeoff, 206–210; Chapter Summary, 211; Chapter Checkpoint, 212–214; Winners, Losers, and Net Gains From Trade, 221–224; International Trade Restrictions, 225–232; The Case Against Protection, 233–238; Chapter Summary, 239; Chapter Checkpoint, 240–242; Monopoly Regulation, 424–430; Chapter Summary, 431; Chapter Checkpoint, 432–434; Antitrust Law, 477–482

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MEA-1: An economy's performance can be measured by different indicators such as gross domestic product, the inflation rate, and the unemployment rate.	Economic Measurements (MEA)	Chapters 2.1, 21.1, 21.2, 21.3, 22.2, 23.1, 24; 28.3  Circular Flow, 48-53; GDP, Income, and Expenditure (circular flow in US Economy), 538–542; Measuring U.S > GDP (components of GDP, expenditure approach, income approach), 543–550; The Uses and Limitations of Real GDP (real vs nominal GDP), 551–558; Chapter Summary, 559; Chapter Checkpoint, 560; Appendix: Measuring Real GDP, 563–566; Unemployment definition and measurement, 568-569  Labor Market Trends and Fluctuations (unemployment rate), 573–577; Types of Unemployment, 578-579; Natural Rate of Unemployment 579-580; Chapter Summary, 585; Chapter Checkpoint, 586–588; Measuring Inflation and Deflation (Consumer Price Index), 590-593; The Price Level, Inflation, and Deflation in the United States, 593–595; 603-604 GDP Price Index; Potential GDP and the Natural Unemployment Rate, 613–634; Costs of Inflation, 741-744

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MEA-2: The economy fluctuates between periods of expansion and contraction in the short run, but economic growth can occur in the long run.	Economic Measurements (MEA)	Chapter 21.3, 22.1, 22.2, 22.3  Tracking the Course of the Business Cycle, 552–554; Definition and Measurement of Unemployment 568-569; Labor Market Trends and Fluctuations (unemployment rate), 573–577; Unemployment and Full Employment (types of unemployment and the natural rate of unemployment), 578–584
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PRD-1: Firms' production and cost constraints over different input and output levels shape optimal decisions in the short run and long run.	Production Choices and Behavior (PRD)	Chapters 14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.4, 15.1; 16.2, 16.3  Economic Cost and Profit (accounting vs economic profits, normal profit), 348–351; Short-Run Production, 353–358; Short-Run Cost, 359–366; Long-Run Cost, 367–370; Chapter Summary, 372; Chapter Checkpoint, 372–374; Short-run Supply and Shutdown Decision, 381-388; Output and Price Decision, 410–411; Output and Price, 413
PRD-2: Firms' short-run decisions to produce output, and long-run decisions to enter or exit a market, are based on profitability.	Production Choices and Behavior (PRD)	Chapters 14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.4, 15.1, 15.2, 15.3  Economic Cost and Profit, 348–351; Short-Run Production, 353–358; Short-Run Cost, 359–366; Long-Run Cost, 367–370; Chapter Summary, 372; Chapter Checkpoint, 372–374; A Firms Profit-Maximizing Choices, 377–384; Output, Price, and Profit in The Short Run (short-run supply and shut down decision), 385–389; Output, Price, and Profit in

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PRD-3: Even with a common goal of profit-maximization, market structure constrains and influences prices, output, and efficiency.	Production Choices and Behavior (PRD)	Chapters 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 16.2, 16.3, 17.2  A Firms Profit-Maximizing Choices, 377–384; Output, Price, and Profit in The Short Run, 385–389; Output, Price, and Profit in The Long Run, 390–398; Chapter Summary, 399; Chapter Checkpoint, 400–401; Sources of Market Power (natural monopoly), 404-405; Price Discrimination, 406; Single-Price Monopoly (profit maximization), 408–412; Monopoly and Competition Compared (inefficiency of monopoly), 413–417; Price Discrimination, 418-421; Natural Monopoly, 424-426; Output and Price Decisions, 442–447
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MOD-2: Economists use the aggregate demand–aggregate supply model to represent the relationship between the price	Macroeconomic Models (MOD)	Chapters 15.1, 21.3, 22.3, 24.1, 26.3, 29.1, 29.2, 29.3, 30.2, 30.3, 30.4, 32.3  Output, Price, and Profit in the Short Run, 385–389; Long Run

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PRD-3: Even with a common goal of profit-maximization, market structure constrains and influences prices, output, and efficiency.	Production Choices and Behavior (PRD)	Chapters 16, 17, 18  Imperfectly Competitive Markets Monopoly, 403–434; Monopolistic Competition (product differentiation and role of advertising), 435–437; Profit Maximization, 442-443; Short-run and Long-run Equilibrium, 442- 444; Excess Capacity and Inefficiency, 445-446; Oligopoly (interdependence, collusion, and cartels), 460-466; Game theory and strategic behavior (Nash equilibrium), 469-474
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of money that is borrowed or saved.		666–671; What Is Money? (definition of money, measures of money supply) 692–697; Banks and Creation of Money, 707-708; Money, Interest, and Inflation, 721–722; Money and the Interest Rate (time value of money, money demand, money market and the equilibrium nominal interest rate), 723–730; Money, the Price Level, and Inflation (time value of money, measures of money supply), 731–740; Measures of money supply, 871
MKT-3: In the money market, demand for and supply of money determine the equilibrium nominal interest rate and influence the value of other financial assets.	Markets (MKT)	Chapters 23.3, 27.4, 28.1, 33.2  Nominal and Real Values, 602–608; Regulating the Quantity of Money, 707–716; Money and the Interest Rate (money demand, money market and the equilibrium nominal interest rate), 723–730; Monetary Policy Transmission, 858–867
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POL-4: In imperfect markets, well-designed government policy can reduce waste.	Market Inefficiency and Public Policy (POL)	Chapter 7.1, 7.2, 16.5, 18.4  Price Ceilings, 170–175; Price Floors, 176–182; Monopoly Regulation, 424–430; Chapter Summary, 431; Chapter Checkpoint, 432–434; Antitrust Law, 477–482
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