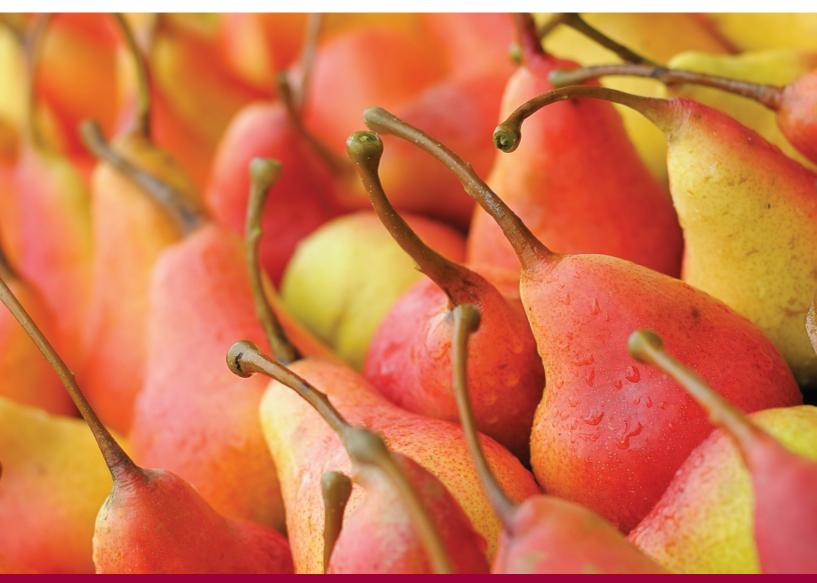


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Preface



Students know that throughout their lives they will make economic decisions and be influenced by economic forces. They want to understand the economic principles that can help them navigate these forces and guide their decisions. *Essential Foundations of Economics* is our attempt to satisfy this want.

The response to our earlier editions from hundreds of colleagues across the United States and throughout the world

tells us that most of you agree with our view that the principles course must do four things well. It must

- Motivate with compelling issues and questions
- Focus on core ideas
- Steer a path between an overload of detail and too much left unsaid
- Encourage and aid learning by doing

The Foundations icon with its four blocks (on the cover and throughout the book) symbolizes this four-point approach that has guided all our choices in writing this text and creating its comprehensive teaching and learning supplements.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE SEVENTH EDITION

Two big stories dominate this Seventh Edition revision: A careful fine-tuning of the heavily revised and successful Sixth Edition content, and a massive investment in enhanced electronic features to bring the text to life and provide an exciting interactive experience for the student on all platforms and devices.

■ Fine-Tuning the Content

The content of this revision is driven by the drama of the extraordinary period of economic history in which we are living and its rich display of events and forces through which students can be motivated to discover the economic way of thinking. Persistent unemployment and slow growth; headwinds from Europe's unresolved debt crisis; ongoing tensions arising from offshore outsourcing; a slowing pace of China's expansion; enhanced concern about climate change; falling U.S. energy imports as fracking boosts domestic production; relentless pressure on the federal budget from the demands of an aging population and a sometimes dysfunctional Congress; the dilemma posed by slow recovery and rising government debt; the question of when and how fast to exit an era of extreme monetary stimulus; and a fluctuating dollar are just a few of these interest-arousing events. All of them feature at the appropriate points in our new edition.

Every chapter contains many small changes, all designed to enhance clarity and currency, and the text and examples are all thoroughly updated to reflect the most recently available data and events. We have also made a few carefully selected larger changes that we describe below.

■ Notable Content Changes

Because the previous edition revision was so extensive and well-received, we have limited our interventions and changes in this Seventh Edition to addressing the small number of issues raised by our reviewers and users, to ensuring that we are thoroughly up-to-date, and to focusing on the new electronic tools that we've just described. Nonetheless, some changes that we now summarize are worth noting.

We have reorganized the section in Chapter 1 on "The Economic Way of Thinking" to provide a clearer sequencing of the key ideas.

In Chapter 2, The U.S. and Global Economies, we use the new example of the complex production of the Dreamliner to motivate and illustrate what, how, and

for whom in the U.S. and global economies. A new *Eye on the Past* looks at the dramatic changes in manufacturing in the U.S. economy through the example of the domestic production of shoes. Also a new photo essay highlights global differences in how goods and services are produced and the section on government has been compressed and simplified.

In Chapter 3, The Economic Problem, we illustrate economic growth and the expansion of production possibilities with the dramatic example of hydraulic fracturing—fracking—in the United States and its effects on the production and opportunity cost of energy.

Chapter 4, Demand and Supply, has a new motivating issue: "Why does tuition keep rising?" Not only is the question a deeply personal one for students but it is also a good example of how the demand-supply model enables us to isolate increasing demand as the source of a rising price. Events in the increasingly important market for solar panels provide a contrasting example of the effects of an increase in supply. We have revised the section on changes in both demand and supply to better explain the unambiguous and ambiguous cases and leave the student to pull all possible cases together.

In Chapter 10, Externalities: Pollution, Education, and Health Care we have reorganized our discussion of ideas for achieving efficiency in the face of external costs. We now explain these ideas in four categories: establish property rights, mandate clean technology, tax pollution, and cap-and-trade pollution permits. The discussion of mandates is new.

In Chapter 13, Monopolistic Competition and Oligopoly, we have updated our description of how the HHI is used to evaluate the effects of proposed mergers.

In Chapter 17, Potential GDP and Economic Growth, we have simplified the explanation of the contributions of capital accumulation and technological change to the fluctuating pace of productivity growth.

Topical policy issues pervade the macro chapters. These include the persistence of high unemployment in the United States, Eurozone's extreme unemployment problem, and the falling U.S. labor force participation rate in Chapter 15; the ever-widening Lucas wedge, now greater than \$400,000 per person, and the persistence of U.S./E.U. productivity differences in Chapter 17; QE3 and the explosion of monetary base, the rise in bank reserves, and the collapse of the money multiplier in Chapter 18; the persistent recessionary gap in Chapter 19; the persistent federal budget deficit and rising debt to GDP ratio, the ongoing structural deficit, the ongoing near-zero federal funds rate, and an update of the contrast between monetary policy today and during the Great Depression, in Chapter 20.

THE FOUNDATIONS VISION

Focus on Core Concepts

Each chapter of *Foundations* concentrates on a manageable number of main ideas (most commonly three or four) and reinforces each idea several times throughout the chapter. This patient, confidence-building approach guides students through unfamiliar terrain and helps them to focus their efforts on the most important tools and concepts of our discipline.

■ Many Learning Tools for Many Learning Styles

Foundations' integrated print and electronic package builds on the basic fact that students have a variety of learning styles. Students have powerful tools at their fingertips: With links from eText, they can get an immediate sense of the content of a chapter by playing the Big Picture video; learn the key ideas by playing the Snapshot videos, and get a quick walkthrough of the Checkpoint Practice Problems and In the News exercises with the Solutions videos.

Diagrams That Tell the Whole Story

We developed the style of our diagrams with extensive feedback from faculty focus-group participants and student reviewers. All of our figures make consistent use of color to show the direction of shifts and contain detailed, numbered captions designed to direct students' attention step-by-step through the action.

Because beginning students of economics are often apprehensive about working with graphs, we have made a special effort to present material in as many as three ways—with graphs, words, and tables—in the same figure. In an innovation that seems necessary, but is to our knowledge unmatched, nearly all of the information supporting a figure appears on the same page as the figure itself. No more flipping pages back and forth!

Real-World Connections That Bring Theory to Life

Students learn best when they can see the purpose of what they are studying, apply it to illuminate the world around them, and use it in their lives.

Eye on boxes offer fresh new examples to help students see that economics is everywhere. Current and recent events appear in Eye on the U.S. Economy boxes; we place current U.S. economic events in global and historical perspectives in our Eye on the Global Economy and Eye on the Past boxes; and we show how students can use economics in day-to-day decisions in Eye on Your Life boxes.

The *Eye On* boxes that build off of the chapter-opening question help students see the economics behind key issues facing our world and highlight a major aspect of the chapter's story.

ORGANIZATION

We have organized the sequence of material and chapters in what we think is the most natural order in which to cover the material. But we recognize that there are alternative views on the best order. We have kept this fact and the need for flexibility firmly in mind throughout the text. Many alternative sequences work, and the Flexibility Chart on p. 31 explains the alternative pathways through the chapters. In using the flexibility information, keep in mind that the best sequence is the one in which we present the material. And even chapters that the flexibility chart identifies as strictly optional are better covered than omitted.

SUPPORT MATERIALS FOR INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS

Essential Foundations of Economics is accompanied by the most comprehensive set of teaching and learning tools ever assembled. Each component of our package is organized by Checkpoint topic for a tight, seamless integration with both the textbook and the other components. In addition to authoring the PowerPoint content, we have helped in the reviewing and revising of the Study Guide, Solutions Manual, Instructor's Manual, and Test Item Files to ensure that every element of the package achieves the consistency that students and teachers need.

PowerPoint Resources

We have created the PowerPoint resources based on our 20 years of experience using this tool in our own classrooms. We have created four sets of PowerPoint presentations for instructors.

They are:

- Lecture notes with full-color, animated figures, and tables from the textbook
- Figures and tables from the textbook, animated with step-by-step walkthrough for instructors to use in their own personal slides
- *Eye On features*
- Checkpoint Practice Problems and solutions

■ Instructor's Manual

The Instructor's Manual, written by Luke Armstrong and reviewed by Mark Rush, contains chapter outlines and road maps, additional exercises with solutions, a comprehensive Chapter Lecture resource, and a virtual encyclopedia of suggestions on how to enrich class presentation and use class time efficiently. Both the micro and macro portions have been updated to reflect changes in the main text as well as infused with a fresh and intuitive approach to teaching this course. The Instructor's Manual is available for download in Word and PDF formats.

Solutions Manual

The Solutions Manual, written by Mark Rush and checked for accuracy by Jeannie Gillmore, contains the solutions to all Checkpoint Practice Problems, In the News exercises, and Chapter Checkpoint Problems and Applications. The Solutions Manual is available for download in Word and PDF formats.

Three Test Item Files and TestGen

More than 6,000 multiple-choice, numerical, fill-in-the-blank, short answer, essay, and integrative questions make up the three Test Item Files that support *Essential Foundations of Economics*. Mark Rush reviewed and edited questions from six dedicated principles instructors to form one of the most comprehensive testing systems on the market. Our microeconomics authors are Gregory E. Givens (University of Alabama); Lee Hoke (University of Tampa); Homer Guevara, Jr. (Northwest Vista College); and Carol Dole (Jacksonville University). Our macroeconomics questions were written by Gregory Givens, Buffie Schmidt (Augusta State University), and Rolando Sanchez (Northwest Vista College). The entire set of questions is available for download in Word, PDF, and TestGen formats.

All three Test Item Files are available in test generator software (TestGen with QuizMaster). TestGen's graphical interface enables instructors to view, edit, and add questions; transfer questions to tests; and print different forms of tests. Instructors also have the option to reformat tests with varying fonts and styles, margins, and headers and footers, as in any word-processing document. Search and sort features let the instructor quickly locate questions and arrange them in a preferred order. QuizMaster, working with your school's computer network, automatically grades the exams, stores the results on disk, and allows the instructor to view and print a variety of reports.

Study Guide for Students

Mark Rush of the University of Florida has prepared the Study Guide. It provides an expanded Chapter Checklist that enables the student to break the learning tasks down into smaller, bite-sized pieces; self-test materials; and additional practice problems. The Study Guide has been carefully coordinated with the text and the Test Item Files.

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