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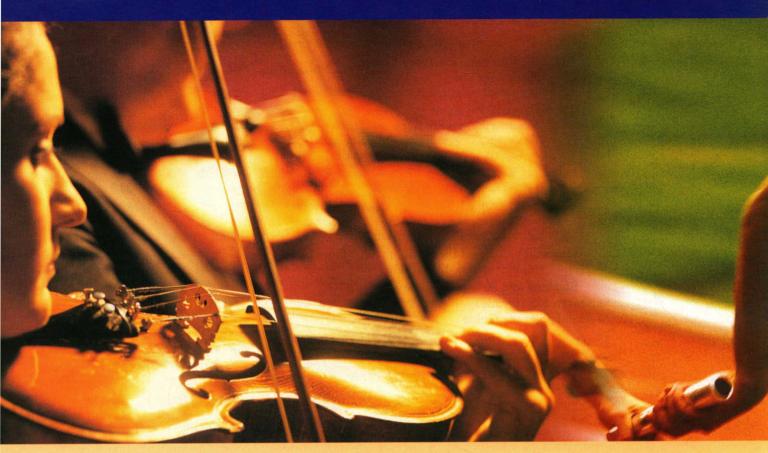
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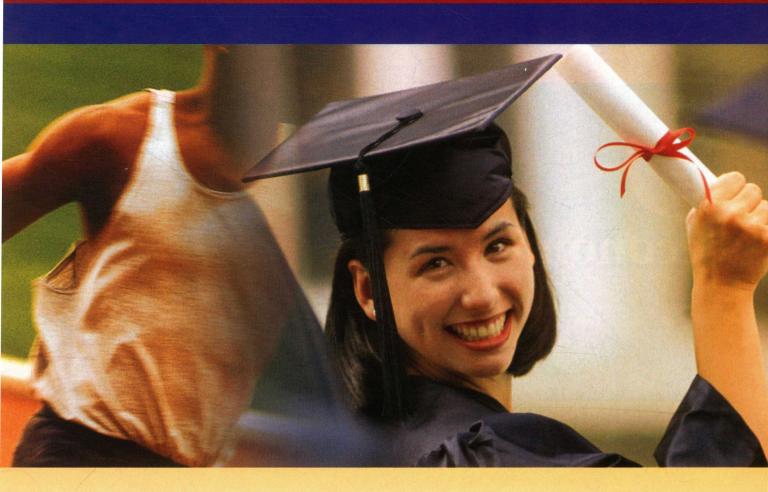


# "What? Another 'Principles of Economics' Text?"

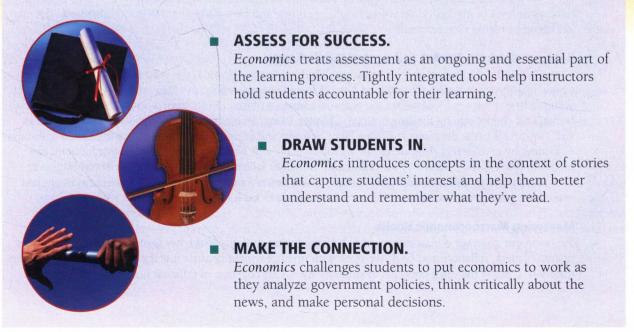
There have been so many introductory economics texts written over the years that you could not be blamed for wondering what one more could add to the mix. We have read and enjoyed any number of introductory textbooks. The same, however, cannot be said of students. The vast majority are turned off by the very qualities that first attracted us to economics. Like most people who go on to pursue an advanced degree in economics, we were drawn in by the analytical rigor and the mathematical purity. Our experience has shown that few students share this enthusiasm for the technical aspects of economics. Students still regard economics with a mixture of awe and boredom. They are cowed by its complexity and abstraction. Befuddled students tell their professors that while they understand the theory, they just don't understand all the graphs and equations that we so enthusiastically throw on the board.

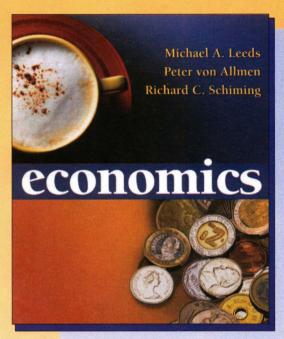
# Behind Every Economics Principle Lies a Fascinating Story.

In this textbook, we introduce economics to students using an approach that has been very successful in our own teaching. Long after our students have forgotten the definitions and diagrams they memorized, they remember the stories that we tell. In addition to being serious theoreticians or policy analysts, economists are still essentially storytellers. In "field classes" that we have taught, we have found that economics can excite even reluctant students if we place the material into an appealing context. We apply this approach to introductory economics by taking great pains to present material in the context of a story taken from the news, business, history, or contemporary life at the very outset of each chapter and by continually reinforcing the application of theory to these realworld examples. How can students be motivated to master material if they cannot relate it to their lives? Students relate to the material more completely by seeing how economic reasoning applies even before they see the techniques themselves. This approach shows readers that economics is not just a dry set of theories but a way to view the world around them. The rhythm that stories create helps students remember the basic points both during the academic term and long after the course has ended.



**Economics'** innovative approach to the core principles of economics is driven by an integrated learning and assessment system. The textbook builds on three pedagogical pillars for successful learning:





### **Overview**

The text begins with a set of six core chapters designed to introduce all the critical tools and concepts required to study either microeconomics or macroeconomics. Chapter 1 describes economics as an area of study and introduces key conceptual building blocks. Chapters 2 and 3 overview the U.S. economy and introduce the student to economic methodology. We introduce the basics of the critical demand and supply framework in Chapter 4 and then follow it with a treatment of elasticity in Chapter 5 that emphasizes the intuition and usefulness of elasticities. We close the introductory section with applications of the demand and supply model by considering the motivation for and effects of government intervention in markets. This discussion includes the concepts of consumer and producer surplus, which we revisit at several later points in the textbook.

### **Role of Consumers and Firms**

Across the microeconomics chapters, we carefully expand and reinforce the economics toolkit as well as apply it to an increasingly broad set of economic problems and issues. We build on students'

understanding of demand concepts in an in-depth examination of consumer choices in Chapter 7. We then turn our attention "inside the firm" and cover production and cost concepts in Chapter 8, in the context of a small guitar manufacturer.

# **Market Structure, Pricing, and Public Policy**

Chapter 9 begins our study of markets. We analyze perfect competition here using the famous Pike Place Fish Market in Seattle. Students learn why firms are price takers, and the general rule for maximizing profits. In Chapter 10, we turn to monopoly and show how the monopoly power of the Atlanta Braves and their vendors allows the team to set prices rather than take them as given from the market. Three chapters cover monopolistic competition (Chapter 11), oligopoly (Chapter 12), and antitrust and regulation (Chapter 13). These chapters offer a concise yet well-rounded treatment of how firms compete when they have some level of market power as well as competitors, and how the government might respond if a market becomes highly concentrated.

### **Resource Markets, Market Failure, and Public Goods**

Chapters 14 and 15 analyze resource markets. Students learn—through the example of Google's financial capital history and a realistic example of a small manufacturer—about the importance of decision-making within a firm. Chapter 14 describes the essential elements of finance, including how firms attract financial capital and choose among funding options. Chapter 15 covers labor markets. Here, we show how firms and individuals make decisions regarding labor demand and supply. Chapter 16 covers the U.S. distribution of income by considering the case of one its most visible and wealthy citizens, Oprah Winfrey, and her philanthropic efforts. Chapter 17's introduction to market failure includes a discussion of public goods, common property resources, and externalities. It also describes how government intervention might be used to increase overall economic efficiency when markets fail.

## **Measuring Macroeconomic Health**

We begin our coverage of macroeconomics by introducing students to the key features of macroeconomics: unemployment, inflation, and GDP. We open with unemployment because it is the most tangible and immediately relevant of the three concepts to students' lives. Our coverage of inflation notably includes recent

changes in the way the Bureau of Labor Statistics calculates inflation without straying too far from the simple, appealing story of the fixed market basket. Finally, the Gross Domestic Product chapter introduces students to the business cycle and fluctuations around potential GDP.

# Aggregate Demand, Aggregate Supply, and Fiscal Policy

Our careful and balanced look at the implications of changes in aggregate demand and aggregate supply emphasizes the basic building blocks of the standard model so that the student grasps how the pieces interrelate. The chapters take an even-handed approach to the short-run and the long-run versions of the model: We do not side with either school of thought. We then use the model to explain the theory and practice of both fiscal and monetary policy.

In Chapter 21, we build the basic model by explaining the characteristics of both aggregate demand and aggregate supply and how they combine to determine both short-run and long-run macroeconomic equilibrium. We then use the model in Chapter 22 to explore how changes in aggregate demand and aggregate supply explain both the short-run health of the macroeconomy and how an economy can adjust to the full employment level of output in the long run. We focus on the development of the short-run model in the context of the economic challenges of the Great Depression in Chapter 23. An appendix to Chapter 23 uses the Keynesian cross model to explain macroeconomic equilibrium. In Chapter 24, we show how changing taxes and government spending can move an economy closer to the full employment level of output. We rely on aggregate demand and aggregate supply to illustrate fiscal policy. We take a close look at the causes and consequences of the federal budget deficit and national debt in Chapter 25.

# **Money and Monetary Policy**

The first chapter in the money and banking sequence (Chapter 26) defines money by focusing on the basic principles, characteristics, and functions of money assets, using a local currency called Ithaca Hours as an illustration. We also describe bank operations in a fractional reserve world. Chapter 27 explores how banks create money by accepting deposits and making loans. We also investigate the tools of monetary policy used by the Fed in the particular context of the response to the 9/11 crisis. In Chapter 28, we look at the short-run and long-run roles that money plays in the macroeconomy by focusing on the impact of changes in the money supply on interest rates.

# **Long-Run Economic Health**

Chapter 29 explores the conflict between active and passive stabilization policies in macroeconomic theory and policy in the context of the response to the recession of 2001. We take students through recent and current controversies in macroeconomic thought. Chapter 30 covers growth theory and policies designed to promote growth. Although some texts—particularly those that emphasize long-run theories—present growth early in their books, we use this chapter as a link between the macroeconomic and international sections of the text. We do so by emphasizing differences in growth among countries and asking why some countries have grown faster than others. We also pay close attention to development and how it relates to (and differs from) growth.

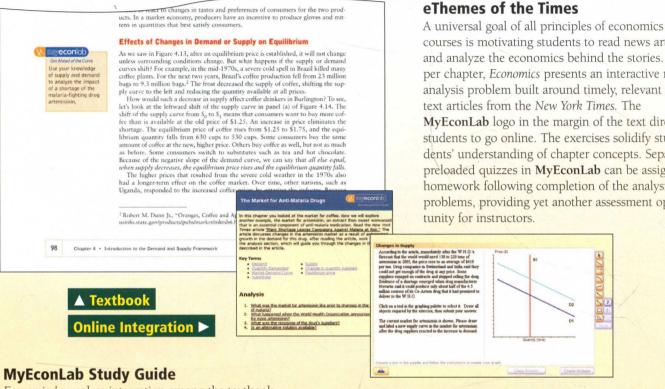
#### **International Trade and Finance**

Chapters 31 and 32 present economic theories of international trade and international finance. The chapters are written so that instructors of both macroeconomics and microeconomics may cover the material without assigning supplemental readings. Chapter 31 carefully establishes the costs and benefits of trade as well as the impact of barriers to trade. We make extensive use of consumer and producer surplus to show who wins and loses from trade. Chapter 32 covers the impact of trade blocs on trade patterns.

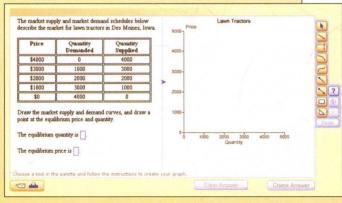
# **ASSESS FOR SUCCESS**



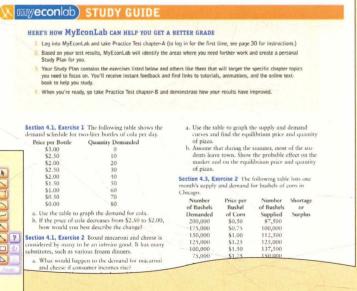
Economics treats assessment as an ongoing piece of the learning process. Throughout the chapter, and in the MyEconLab Study Guide at the end of each chapter, students are directed to MyEconLab, the full-featured online homework and tutorial system that accompanies Economics.



Economics' seamless integration among the textbook, assessment materials, and online resources sets new standards in the principles of economics market. Each chapter concludes with a set of problems correlated to those that students encounter online in MyEconLab. Even the numbering is the same, so instructors can easily assign exercises for homework or quizzes. Instructors can use MyEconLab to assign the end-ofchapter MyEconLab Study Guide exercises online and MyEconLab will grade and track student work in an online gradebook.



courses is motivating students to read news articles and analyze the economics behind the stories. Twice per chapter, Economics presents an interactive news analysis problem built around timely, relevant fulltext articles from the New York Times. The MyEconLab logo in the margin of the text directs students to go online. The exercises solidify students' understanding of chapter concepts. Separate preloaded quizzes in MyEconLab can be assigned as homework following completion of the analysis problems, providing yet another assessment oppor-



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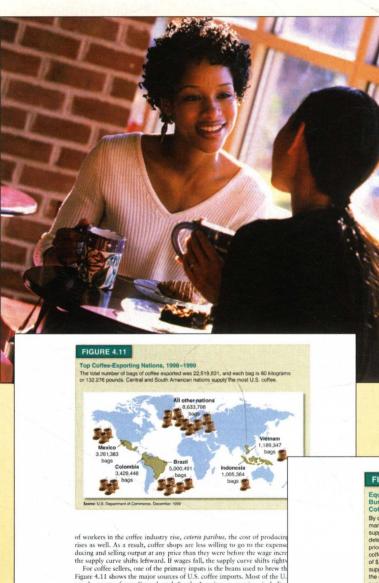
# **DRAW STUDENTS IN**



Each chapter of Economics introduces theory and models in the context of a story—taken from the news, business, history, or contemporary life—that is followed through the chapter. The stories engross students and improve their retention by providing context.

# Stories That Engage

In Chapter 4, for example, a trip to a coffee shop in Burlington, Vermont, adds flavor to the concepts of supply and demand while making these key tools tangible to students.



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Introduction to the Demand and Supply Framework

illions of U.S. consumers could not imagine beginning the morning without partaking of the country's

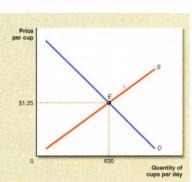
Lower incoming without partaking of the country's second largest import. This ritual occurs in homes, shops, schools, restaurants, and offices across the country. Any ideas on what this product might be? The answer is coffee.

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#### FIGURE 4.12

Equilibrium in Burlington's Coffee Market By combining the market demand and supply curves, we can determine the equilibrium price and quantity in the coffee market. At a price of \$1.25 per cup, the supply curve crosses the demand curve. The quantity demanded exactly matches the quantity supplied at this price, and the market clears.



today's price in the paper. Where, then, does the price come from? It turns out that as market forces determine the price of coffee.

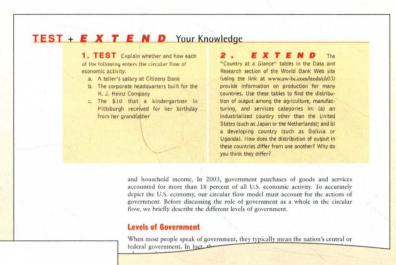
# **MAKE THE CONNECTION**



Within the textbook and online, *Economics* encourages students to apply economic concepts to the analysis of news, national policy debates, and personal decisions. Three techniques reinforce the material in each chapter.

# Test + Extend Your Knowledge

Students check whether they have assimilated what they have read in two *Test* + *Extend* segments in each chapter. Students who cannot answer the "test" portion are informed that they must go back over the material. Students who have mastered the material have the chance to apply their knowledge in a new context in the "extend" portion. Many segments link students to interesting Web sites that illustrate chapter topics and give students the opportunity to build their economic research skills



# LifeLessons

Sometimes, More Driving Can Help You Save On Gasoline

Have you ever noticed that the price of gas can vary quite a bit from one state to another? In addition to federal (nationwide) gas taxes of 18.4 cents per gallon, there are state taxes ranging from a low of 8 cents per gallon in Alaska to 35.1 cents per gallon in Hawaii. These taxes are often used to pay for road maintenance. Florida and Georgia are neighborins states, yet state taxes are 12.2 cents per gallon in Georgia and 99.6 cents per gallon in Florida. The difference may be enough to entice Floridians living near the Georgia state line to bear the opportunity cost of their time (and the gasoline needed to make the trip) to drive to

Georgia to make their gasoline purchases. The resources used what no consumers in Florida drive to Georgia and back to make gasoline purchases is yet another source of waste created by the tax. That is, consumers use resources (time and gasoline)—that could be otherwise employed—to make the trip across the border to pay the lower tax in Georgia. Thus, consumers should carefully consider these costs to ensure that the costs of the trip exceed the benefits. Despite the costs they impose, differences in tax rates across local governments are quite common.

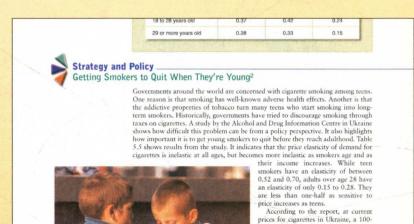
# **Life Lessons**

Economic principles govern the decisions by major corporations and governments that involve billions of dollars and affect millions of lives. They also apply to hundreds of decisions that individuals make in their everyday lives. *Life Lessons* examine the economics behind these everyday decisions, such as the opportunity cost of traveling to purchase low-priced gas or the benefits of being flexible when shopping for airline tickets.

percent increase in the cigarette tax would result in an 8.8-percent increase in the total cost per pack. Based on the elasticities shown, the short-run impact would be about a 6-percent decrease in teen smokers, but only a 1.32-percent decrease in high-income smokers over 28 years old. However, in the long run, the benefits of such a tax would be com-

# **Strategy and Policy**

These features delve into firm and government policies and issues—such as the effectiveness of anti-smoking efforts in Ukraine and the shopping habits of U.S. teens—and challenge students to analyze them using economic tools. Instructors can use the accompanying *Critical Thinking* questions as the basis of written assignments.



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# Get Ahead of the Curve

MyEconLab—the online homework and tutorial system that is packaged with every new copy of *Economics*—puts students in control of their own learning with study and practice tools correlated with the online, interactive version of the textbook and other media resources. Within MyEconLab's structured environment, students practice what they learn, test their understanding, and then pursue a Personalized Study Plan that MyEconLab generates for them based on their performance on practice tests.

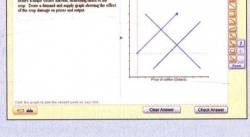
# At the core of MyEconLab are the following features:

- Practice Tests—Practice tests enable students to test their understanding and identify the areas in which they need to do further work. Many questions ask students to work with graphs: interpreting them, manipulating them, and even drawing them. Instructors can use the supplied pre-built tests or create their own tests.
- Personalized Study Plan—Based on a student's performance on a practice test, MyEconLab generates a Personalized Study Plan that shows where further study is needed.
- The Personalized Study Plans direct students to additional exercises for each topic.

  Additional practice exercises are keyed to each section of the textbook and link students to the eText with animated graphs.
- **Tutorial Instruction**—Launched from the additional practice exercises, tutorial instruction is provided in the form of solutions to problems, step-by-step explanations, and other media-based explanations.

■ Powerful Graphing Tool—

Integrated into the practice tests and additional practice exercises, the graphing tool lets students manipulate and even draw graphs so that they grasp how the concepts, numbers, and graphs are connected.



(MyEconLab's powerful graphing application evaluates and grades these graphs.)

MyEconLab features three types of graphing problems

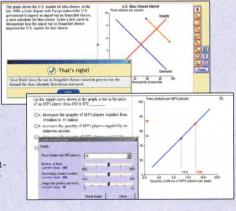
Draw Graphs—MyEconLab's

Draw Graph problems automatically grade the graphs students draw.

#### Model-based Graphs-

Students can change data inputs and watch graphs shift. Multiple-choice, true/false, and short—answer questions quiz students on their interpretations of the graph.

**Data Graphs**—Students can plot up to five variables against each other, giving them a clear picture of how economic indicators relate to each other.





# **MyEconLab—Problem-Solving for Instructors**

MyEconLab provides flexible tools that allow instructors to easily and effectively tailor online course materials to suit their needs. Instructors can create and assign tests, quizzes, or graded homework assignments. MyEconLab saves time by automatically grading all questions and tracking results in an online gradebook. MyEconLab can even grade assignments that require students to draw a graph.

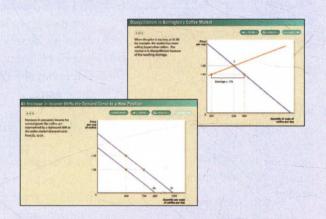


After registering for MyEconLab, instructors have access to downloadable supplements such as instructor's manuals, Microsoft PowerPoint lecture notes, and test banks. Test banks can also be used within MyEconLab, giving instructors ample material from which they can create assignments.

For more information about **MyEconLab**, or to request an Instructor Access Code, visit **www.myeconlab.com**.

# **Additional MyEconLab Resources**

- **Textbook content**—Quick reference to specific pages of the text that correspond to each Study Plan exercise. **MyEconLab** is also available in a version that contains a full, searchable online text. Ask your Addison-Wesley representative for details.
- **eStudy guide**—The entire Study Guide in electronic format and printable.
- Econ Tutor Center—Staffed by qualified, experienced college economics instructors, the Econ Tutor Center is open five days a week, seven hours a day. Tutors can be reached by phone, fax, e-mail, or White Board technology. The Econ Tutor Center hours are designed to meet your students' study schedules, with evening hours Sunday through Thursday. Students receive one-on-one tutoring on examples, related exercises, and problems.
- Research Navigator—(CourseCompass version only)
  Extensive help on the research process and four
  exclusive databases of accredited and reliable source
  material including the *New York Times*, the
  Financial Times, and peer-reviewed journals.



- **Animated figures**—Over 125 figures from the text-book presented in step-by-step animations with audio explanations of the action.
- Glossary Flashcards—Every key term is available as a flashcard, allowing students to quiz themselves on vocabulary from one or more chapters at a time.
- Weekly News—Featuring a new microeconomic or macroeconomic current events article, with discussion questions posted online weekly. Instructor answer keys are available.

# A Complete Instructor and Student Support Package

#### Instructor's Manual

In addition to numerous ideas for enlivening your lectures, the *Instructor's Manual* provides in-depth solutions to questions and exercises from the book. Material for the microeconomics chapters was authored by Myra Moore of the University of Georgia; the macroeconomics chapter materials were written by Robert Eyler of Sonoma State University.

The Instructor's Manual contains:

- chapter overviews
- chapter outlines
- learning objectives to provide instructors with a bird's-eye view
- in-depth lecture launchers with innovative ideas for engaging and motivating students
- tips on circumventing common student errors
- ready-to-assign questions for class discussion and activities
- answer keys for the Test + Extend exercises,
   Strategy and Policy critical thinking questions, and end-of-chapter problems

## **Study Guide**

With exercises to reinforce key concepts and helpful learning tools, the Study Guide is an essential companion to the text. Material for the microeconomics chapters was authored by Morris Knapp of Miami Dade College; the macroeconomics chapter materials were written by John Krieg of Western Washington University. Students will find helpful overviews of the chapter contents, learning objectives, and listings of key terms corresponding to each chapter. Checkpoint tips advise students on common conceptual pitfalls related to chapter contents and build their graphbuilding and interpretation skills. The Self-Test, which includes fill-in-the-blank, true/false, multiple-choice, and problem-based questions, provides the additional exercises students need to cement their understanding of key concepts. Sample midterm and final exams provide a final check before critical points in the semester.

#### **Test Banks**

Four printed test banks—two each for the microeconomic and macroeconomic volumes—provide a wealth of testing material. The top-notch question-writing team includes Emil Berendt of Friends University, S. Hussain Ali Jafri of Tarleton State University, Leonie Stone of SUNY Geneseo, Laura A. Wolff of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and Anthony Zambelli, Cuyamaca College. Each chapter offers a wide selection of multiple-choice, short-answer, and essay questions. Questions have been accuracy-checked and vetted with real students.

# Instructor's Resource Disk with Microsoft PowerPoint Lecture Presentation, Computerized Test Banks, and Instructor's Manual

Compatible with Windows and Macintosh computers, this CD-ROM provides numerous resources. The Microsoft PowerPoint Lecture Presentation was developed by Michael Youngblood of Rock Valley College. Work key figures and graphs from the text into your lectures with these customizable slides. The CD features graphs from the text and outlines key terms, concepts, and figures. For added convenience, the CD also includes the Microsoft Word files of the entire *Instructor's Manual* and computerized *Test Bank* files. The easy-to-use testing software (TestGen with QuizMaster for Windows and Macintosh) is a valuable text preparation tool that allows professors to view, edit, and add questions.

## **Overhead Transparencies**

Incorporate important figures and graphs into your course with this selection of full-color overhead transparencies.

## **Study Card**

This handy laminated reference card contains key definitions, concepts, equations, and graphs.

# **Resources Available for Packaging With This Text**

In addition to access to MyEconLab, the student's ultimate online tool that is automatically packaged with each text, the following supplementary materials are available to aid and enhance students' mastery of concepts:

#### **Economist.com Edition**

The premier online source of economic news analysis, Economist.com provides your students with insight and opinion on current economic events. Through an agreement between Addison-Wesley and *The Economist*, students can receive a low-cost subscription to this premium Web site for 12 weeks, including the complete text of the current issue of *The Economist* and access to *The Economist's* searchable archives. Other features include Web-only weekly articles, news feeds with current world and business news, and stock market and currency data. Professors who adopt this special edition will receive a complimentary one-year subscription to Economist.com.

#### Wall Street Journal Edition

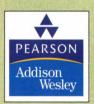
When packaged with this text, Addison-Wesley offers students a reduced-cost, 10- or 15-week subscription to the *Wall Street Journal* print edition and the *Wall Street Journal Interactive Edition*. Adopting professors will receive a complimentary one-year subscription to both the print and interactive versions.

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