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Principles of Economics

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**ONLINE LEARNING
WITHOUT COMPROMISE**



Why Connect Master?

Connect Master: Principles of Economics was created to help alleviate the top course challenges for instructors:

- Students weren't reading materials or coming to class prepared.
- Too much class time was being spent reviewing the basics.
- Students were not engaged, nor did they see how the course was relevant.
- Students came to class with varying levels of math and graphing skills.

There has been a paradigm shift in the way you teach and the way students learn. This has only increased with hybrid and online courses. That's where Connect Master comes in to meet the needs of today's digital-native learners and the customization needs of instructors.

Students often struggle to connect concepts to application. Connect Master: Principles of Economics is the first **all-digital learning solution** that takes students beyond basic knowledge to mastery of foundational concepts through *adaptive learning* with just-in-time resources paired with **practical assessments**. Over 270 topics are anchored with short, engaging, high-quality **video** and deliberately designed learning resources, homework, assessment, and applied learning exercises that can be used standalone to fit any course's scope, sequence, and delivery.

All-New Monetary Policy with Ample Reserves Module

The Federal Reserve completely restricted how monetary policy is conducted beginning back in 2008. Current textbooks do not extensively cover the new monetary regime. In the 2024 Release, we have addressed these changes in both the Money and Monetary Policy modules.

We are now offering **two** Monetary Policy modules so you can choose how to present the materials to your students—the traditional approach or the ample reserves approach.

The 2024 Release of Connect Master is getting an entirely **NEW Monetary Policy Module** focusing on Ample Reserves. This new module will have 10 concepts, 8 of which are completely new, we're also making relevant changes to the Money Module and

keeping the original Monetary Policy module for those who like to incorporate this traditional approach into their teaching as well.

Enhanced Graphing Homework Assignments

With the goal of providing education for all, we have added **all-new graph summaries** plus **easier-to-navigate plotting** and **shading** tools. These new tools help ensure more students can practice and demonstrate their understanding of concepts without struggling with clunky and inaccessible technology.

Current Real-World Applications

All **real-world** examples used throughout the product have been closely reviewed and updated to keep the content **current** and **relevant** for students.

Money and Monetary Policy Modules and Topics:

Module: Money	Module: Monetary Policy (Traditional Approach)	➤ NEW ⬅ Monetary Policy (Ample Reserves Approach)
Money	Interest Rates and Investment	Introduction to Monetary Policy
The Money Supply (updated, new video)	Interest Rates and Aggregate Demand	Federal Funds Rate with Ample Reserves
The Equations of Exchange	Open Market Operations	The Feds Toolbox—Administered Interest Rates
The Federal Reserve - Structure	Reserve Requirement	Targeting the Federal Funds Rate with Ample Reserves
The Federal Reserve - Functions - Ample Reserves (updated, new video)	Discount Rate	Interest Rates and Aggregate Demand
Banking	Federal Funds Rate	Expansionary Monetary Policy
Fractional Reserve Banking - Reserve Requirements	Targeting the Federal Funds Rate	Contractionary Monetary Policy
The Money Multiplier (text updated to include information about zero reserve requirement and leakages)	Changing the Federal Funds Rate	The Math Behind Monetary Policy
Money Demand	Introduction to Expansionary Monetary Policy	Limitations of Monetary Policy (same as original module)
The Money Supply Curve	Introduction to Contractionary Monetary Policy	The Liquidity Trap (same as original module)
Interest - The Money Market	Expansionary and Monetary Policy	
Interest - Market Dynamics	The Math behind Monetary Policy	
Interest Rates and Asset Demand	Paying Interest on Reserves—Explained	
The Fisher Equation	Paying Interest on Reserves—Problem Solving	
	Limitations of Monetary Policy	
	The Liquidity Trap	

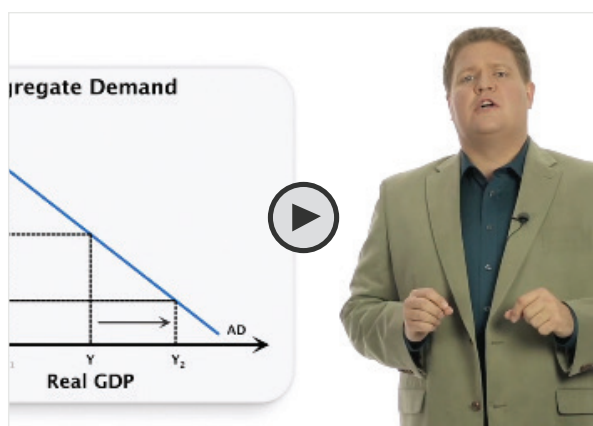
Learning Engaged

Instead of lengthy chapters, content in Connect Master: Principles of Economics is organized into over 270 topics, each anchored by an engaging two-to-four minute, academically reviewed, professionally produced video featuring the authors, Carlos Asarta and Roger Butters, along with animations and graphs. All the videos are assignable in Connect Master (in addition to being integrated into the adaptive workflow) and have mirrored versions in Spanish.

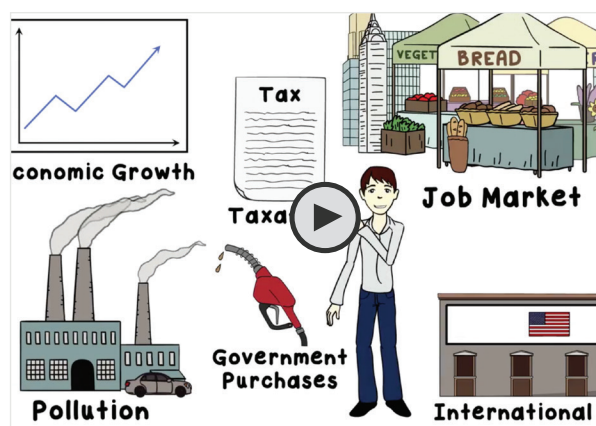
NEW

Now available in the adaptive learning experience and eBook are 800+ Worked Example videos featuring a diverse group of experienced female economics instructors that walk students through problems.

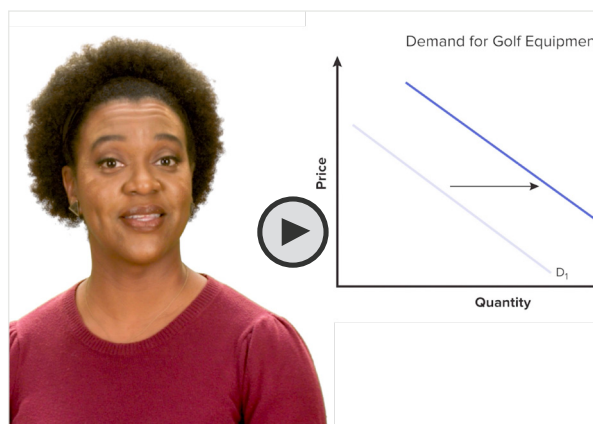
 Click the videos below to play



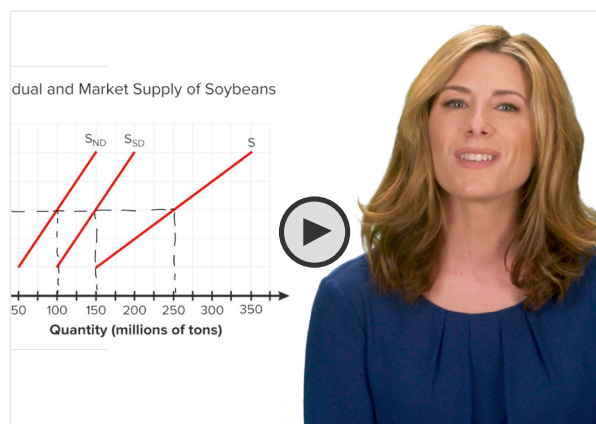
Unemployment and Inflation»



What is Economics»



Demand Shifts»



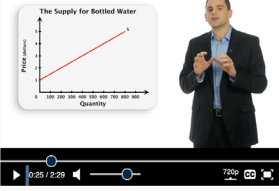
Individual and Market Supply»



“This is exactly the product that today’s students need since this is how they learn. It is interactive and engaging for my students.”

—Mohammad Rahman,
Shippensburg University

Change in Supply



The Supply for Bottled Water

Price (dollars)

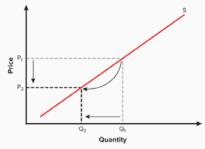
Quantity

Key Terms & Graph.

- Change (Shift) in Supply
- Movement Along the Supply Curve

A change in the quantity of a good, service, or resource supplied due to a change in its price. Graphically, this change is represented as a movement along an existing supply curve.

Movement along the Supply Curve



In the figure above, a decrease in price from P_1 to P_2 causes a decrease in quantity demanded from Q_1 to Q_2 .

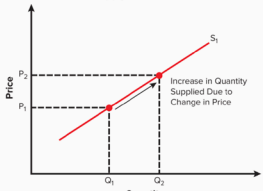
Helpful Hints: Supply versus Quantity Supplied (long version)

A key lesson to learn on the subject of supply is the difference between changes in **supply** and changes in **quantity supplied**. There are many factors other than price that affect how much of a particular product producers are willing and able to supply to the market. Those factors include resource costs and availability, the number of sellers, expectations about market conditions, and technology. The supply curve focuses entirely on the **price** of the product and holds everything else constant. How firms adjust the quantity supplied of a good or service depends a great deal on what is changing—its price or a nonprice determinant.

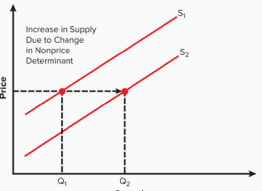
Think of the market for portobello mushrooms. If the price of portobello mushrooms increases, all else held constant, the quantity supplied will increase as producers respond to the higher price. However, suppose a new fertilizer is discovered that doubles portobello production. The new fertilizer will increase the quantity supplied at every price, shifting the supply curve to the right from S_1 to S_2 .

So a change in price, all else held constant, generates a change in quantity supplied, not a change in supply. A change in supply occurs when a nonprice determinant of supply changes, which has the effect of shifting the entire supply curve to the right or left.

Supply of Portobellos



Supply of Portobellos



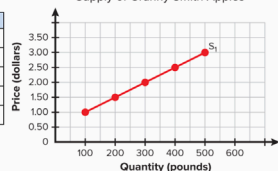
Worked Example: Change in Supply

Problem Statement

Consider the market for Granny Smith apples in Illinois. Suppose the initial supply schedule and supply curve are as shown in the table and graph below, with quantities in pounds of apples.

Price (dollars)	Initial Quantity of Granny Smith Apples Supplied (pounds)
3.00	500
2.50	400
2.00	300
1.50	200
1.00	100

Supply of Granny Smith Apples



Part A

Now suppose that unusually cold temperatures reduce by 50% the quantity of apples supplied at each price. Complete the new supply schedule in the table above.

Part B

Plot the new supply schedule on the graph, connect the dots, and label this new curve " S_2 ".

Interactive

Interactive learning resources supporting all videos include: Key Terms and Formulas, Worked Example Videos, Read About This eBook Links, Helpful Hints, Why This Matters applications.

Adaptive

Videos and learning resources are delivered through the most advanced adaptive technology on the market, keeping individual students focused on what they need to learn, review, and practice. Through the adaptive workflow, students move efficiently through the content, encountering only the learning resources that are relevant to them, helping them work toward higher levels of mastery and critical thought. Accessibility and mobility were central to this latest update to enhance the experience for all students.

[Click here to see adaptive learning in action»](#)

222K+ students

have used Connect Master: Principles of Economics since its launch.

Top 3 Ways Students Benefit from Connect Master: Principles of Economics

- 1 Adaptive modules tailor content to meet each student where they are
- 2 Master covered the basics, so class time was more useful
- 3 Forced to do the work outside of class, students are more prepared in class

"Connect Master helped me study for class in a way I was never able to before. Before, I would carry around...a bunch of other materials, but with this, everything was in one place for me, ready to use."

– Student at Waubensee Community College

"[Connect Master is] a good way to get exposure to, learn, and retain information... It is more interactive than a narrative-based chapter and... forces you to learn through the process."

–Megan Kallis,
Student at Colorado School of Mines

Flexible

Over 270 distinct topics are presented at a granular level, providing flexibility for instructors to customize content to their courses for any school, at any level, and set to any depth. With a topic-level approach, instructors are able to handpick every aspect of the curriculum, to; concepts covered to sequencing, providing flexibility for instructors to tailor their courses in such a way that is appropriate for their specific needs as well as their students.

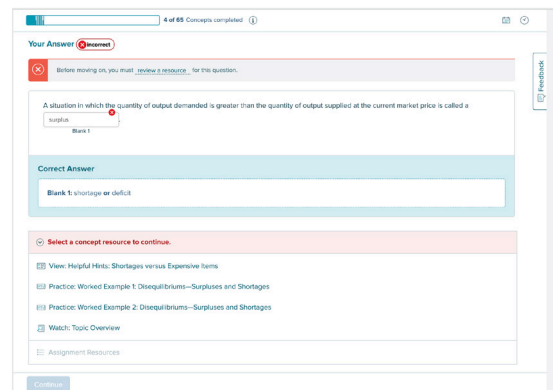
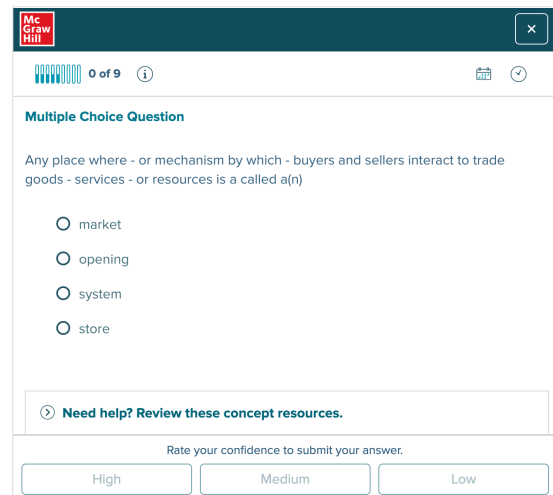
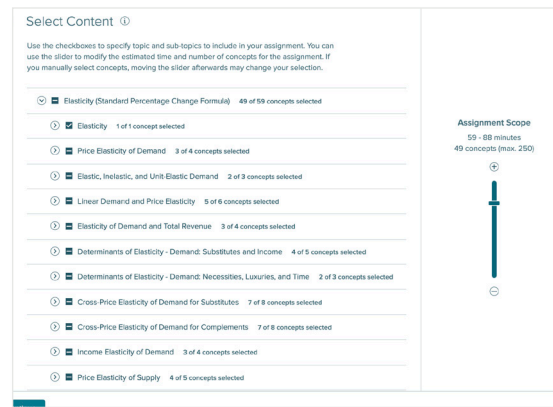
Affordable

With student success at the forefront of our mission, digital access can be purchased in 6- and 12-month increments along with the optional loose leaf print companion. Additionally, student access and affordability of course materials can be accomplished with Inclusive Access, to deliver digital learning resources to students at a reduced cost on or before the first day of class.

Top 3 Reasons

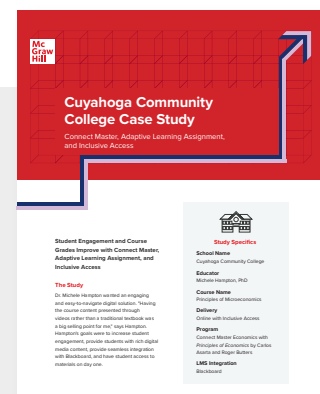
Professors Adopt Connect Master: Principles of Economics

- 1 Videos and interactive learning resources instead of narrative
- 2 Flexible topic-based approach that is modular and customizable
- 3 Adaptive functionality



Student Engagement and Course Grades Improve with Connect Master, Adaptive Learning Assignment and Inclusive Access.

Click to view, Cuyahoga Community College Case Study»



Evergreen

Content and technology are ever-changing, and it is important that you can keep your course up to date with the latest information and assessments. Connect Master: Principles of Economics is evergreen, which means it is continuously evolving and relevant, with content updates delivered directly to your existing Connect course. Engage students and freshen up assignments with up-to-date coverage of select topics and new questions, all without having to switch editions or build a new course.

Easy Set-Up & Support at Every Step

Connect Master: Principles of Economics users teach face to face, online, and in hybrid models; regardless of teaching model, you won't have to go through implementation alone. Resources including our Support at Every Step program, a detailed Instructor's Teaching Guide, sample syllabi, Digital Faculty Consultants, and the authors are all at your fingertips to make transitioning as seamless as possible. It is our goal to help reduce startup costs and ensure new users get the support needed to have a successful experience with Connect Master: Principles of Economics.

Most Used Resources

in the Accompanying Instructor's Guide

1

Classroom Worksheets

2

Flexible Course Activities

3

Video Overviews and Additional Examples

Additional Resources Available

Core Content

- English and Spanish Videos
- Adaptive Learning Assignment
- eBook in Connect and via McGraw Hill's ReadAnywhere® app (offline & mobile)
- Print Companion
- Adaptive Econ Prep: Math and Graphing
- Polling

Assessments

- Exercises (many algorithmic)
 - Multiple Choice
 - Graphing
 - Numeric Response
- Test Bank (including algorithmic and graphing questions)
- Application-Based Activities w/ Real Data
- Newsflash Activities
- Writing Assignment
- Econ Reels (2025 Release)
- Additional Resources (varies by module)
 - Interactive Graphs w/ Real Data
 - Economics and Ethics Discussion Questions
 - TUCE (Test of Understanding in College Economics) Questions
 - MobLab Companion Questions

Instructor Teaching and Implementation Resources

- Instructor's Teaching Guide
- Connect Content Matrix
- PowerPoint Presentations
- Discussion and Clicker Questions
- Course Activities and FRED Exercises
- Worksheets
- Application-Based Activities Teaching Notes
- Guide to Adaptive Learning Reports
- Test Builder
- Bonus Chapter: COVID-19
- Writing Assignment Tools
- ECON Everyday Blog
- Proctorio Remote Proctoring and Browser Locking Capabilities
- Polling Quick Start Guide



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“Having the course content presented through videos rather than a traditional textbook was a big selling point for me.”

—Dr. Michelle Hampton,
Instructor at Cuyahoga Community College

We Take Students Higher

As a learning science company, McGraw Hill creates content that supports higher-order thinking skills. This chart shows a few of the key assignable economics assets aligned with Bloom’s Taxonomy.

	Adaptive Learning Assignment	Adaptive Econ Prep	Videos	Exercises	Interactive Graphs	Application-Based Activities	Newsflash Activities & ECON Everyday Blog*	Writing Assignments
Create								✓
Evaluate						✓	✓	✓
Analyze				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Apply		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Understand	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Remember	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Outside of Connect



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