# The Foundations of Economics

## **Fundamental Vocabulary and Concepts**

**Economics** 

Goods

Services

Needs

Wants

Scarcity

Choice

**Opportunity Cost** 

**Economic Good** 

Free Good

Basic Economic Problem

- What to produce?
- How to produce it?
- For whom to produce?

#### **Factors of Production**

- Land
- Labor
- Capital
- Management (Entrepreneurship)

Production Possibilities Curve Utility

- Total Utility
- Marginal Utility

Microeconomics

Macroeconomics

Positive Economics (Statement)

**Normative Economics** 

(Statement)

Ceteris Paribus

Circular Flow Model

**Rationing Systems** 

- Free Market Economy
- Planned Economy

Rational Economic Thinking

#### **Economic Growth**

- Households
- Firms
- Real National Income
- Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
- Gross National Income (GNI)

### **Economic Development**

• Human Development Index (HDI)

Sustainable Development

