### MICRO ECONOMICS II

# **Extended Reading List**

# I. Economics and Competitive Markets

### A. Introduction to Economic Models of Rational Choice

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