

Economics 4616: Labor Economics

Spring 2015

MWF 10:00AM-10:50 AM

Room: ECON 117

Class Website through Desire2Learn (D2L) <https://learn.colorado.edu/>

No Class: 1/19 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday) 2/23-3/27 (Spring Break)

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Course Description

In this class we will study the labor market, focusing on supply and demand factors that determine labor allocation and remuneration. We will also explore topics at the heart of modern labor economics including human capital and household production decisions as well as the effects of government policy and immigration on the labor market.

Prerequisites: Economics 3070 (Intermediate Microeconomic Theory)

Textbook: George Borjas, Labor Economics, McGraw Hill, 2010. This is the 5th edition, but the 4th edition is acceptable as well. Unless otherwise noted, you are expected to understand the material as presented in class, so you should use your lecture notes as a guide when reviewing the text. If you would like to use another edition, it is your responsibility to make sure you cover any differences between your edition and the material presented in class.

Grading

Midterm 1: 25%

Midterm 2: 25%

Final Exam (cumulative): 40%

Homework, In-class Exercises, Attendance & Participation: 10%

Class Policies

The text covers far more material than will be covered in class and I will present material in class that is not in the textbook, so it is in your interest to come to class. You will be responsible for material covered in lectures and on assignments unless otherwise mentioned in class or noted by email or on the course website. I will also assign articles from other sources that I would like you to read for class discussion. These assignments will generally be announced in class beforehand. Please do your best to prepare your own responses to these

assignments prior to class so that we may proceed to discuss your answers as a group. You may collect responses to the discussion questions and exercises at random points throughout the course. These assignments may not be formally graded, but I will count your level of effort on these

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Economics 4616-001 Tentative Course Outline, Spring 2015

Note that the dates listed below are a rough guide to the timeline of the course. We may move through the material somewhat faster or slower than presented below. You should come to class to stay updated on the progress of the course.

Week	Dates	Material
1	Jan 12-16	Intro to Labor Economics (ch.1) Labor Supply (ch. 2) -- To work or not to work? How many hours?
2	Mon 1/19 Jan 21-23	No Class MLK, Jr. Day Labor Supply (ch. 2) -- Income & substitution effects (Discuss Articles 1*)
3	Jan 26-30	Labor Supply (ch.2), continued --