

Labor Economics

COURSE OUTLINE

Winter 2020

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Recommended Textbooks:

- Lecture Notes on Labor Economics by H. Moussa (2020).
- Labor Market Economics, Benjamin, D., Gunderson M, Lemieux, and W. C. Riddell, Sixth edition McGraw-Hill-Ryerson, Toronto, 2007.

Introduction

Welcome to this course on Labor Economics and Policy. You will find that this course is interesting and challenging. It will give you an opportunity to apply the analytical tools of economic policy and will help you understand issues of manpower and employment policy which are at the center stage of governments raison d'être in a peaceful world.

This one semester course has a sequel course for which this course is a foundation. In this course, we study the foundations of labor economics. The sequel one semester course uses these foundations to study manpower and employment policy. You are not required to take the sequel course and the department does not offer it.

The evaluation of your work during this one semester course stands on its own independent of the sequel course

Please note that this course outline contains three sections. The first section contains the course outline for the fall semester. The second section contains the dates for the exams and the weight distribution for the grading system. Section 3 contains the deadlines for submitting assignments .

There will be two exams: a midterm and a final exam. There will also be two tests, three assignments, and a paper.

Section 1: Course Outline

Week	Subject	Moussa	BGRL
		Chapters	
Week 1-2	Introduction, the Income Leisure Choice Model	1,2	1,2
Week 2-3	Social Security Programs and Labor Supply	3	3
Week 4	The determinants of hours of work, theory and reality	5	2
Week 5-6	Labor Force Participation, entry and retirement	6	4
Week 7	Study Break		

Week 8	The demand for Labor	7	5, pp. 151-163
Week 9	Equilibrium in the labor market with monopsony, monopoly and minimum wages	8	7
Week 10	Human capital	9	9
Week 11	Wage Differentials	10	8
Week 12	Review		

Section 2: Exam Dates and Grade Weight Distribution

	Date	Weight
Assignments	See Schedule 3	15
Test 1	January 29, 2020	8
Test 2	March 25, 2020	8
Midterm Exam	February 12,2020	29
Paper	March 30,2020	10
Final Examination	See Registrar's Schedule	30
Total Weight		100

Section 3: Homeworks Schedule

Assignment Number	Date of Distribution of Text of Assignment	Date due
1	January 20, 2020	January 27, 2020
2	January 27, 2020	February 5, 2020
3	March 9, 2020	March 18, 2020

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