

Economics 4616: Labor Economics

Fall 2012

T/TH 12:30-1:45 PM

Room: ECON 117

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

No Class: 11/20-11/22 (Fall Break and Thanksgiving)

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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 unions, tax 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, (th)Tj s.u.01 Mnbj sas 0.3lxs.u.0p12(1JTJ)4(d

exercises along with your attendance and potentially also your participation (e.g. answering questions posed to the class) throughout the course. You will be given the opportunity to make up for up to two lost participation points at the end of the semester. I may also present exam questions drawn from our class discussions.

There is no excuse for missing an exam unless there is a documented medical or family emergency. Note that you are required to submit documentation of any emergency. In all other cases, failure to take an exam will result in a zero for that exam. If a legitimate emergency arises, other exams will be re-weighted. No make-up exams will be given. If you foresee any legitimate conflict with the dates of the assignments or exams, please see me as soon as possible.

If you miss a class, you are responsible for obtaining notes on the material we covered from another classmate. I encourage you to come to my office hours to discuss the material you missed, but not before you have gone over the material yourself through notes and the textbook.

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Economics 4616 Tentative Course Outline

| Week | Dates | Material |
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| 1 | 8/28-8/30 | Intro to Labor Economics (ch.1) Labor Supply (ch. 2) -- To work or not to work? How many hours? |
| 2 | 9/4-9/6 | Labor Supply (ch. 2) -- Income & substitution effects -- Estimating labor supply elasticity |
| 3 | 9/11-9/13 | Labor Supply (ch.2), continued -- |