

Economics 4616-001: Labor Economics

Spring 2012

MWF 10:00-10:50 AM

Room: ECON 117

Class Website through CULearn:

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.

Throughout the semester, we will do in-class exercises that will help prepare you for exams while also encouraging you to think on your feet, work in groups, and possibly present your work to the class. These exercises may not be formally graded, but I will count your level of involvement in these exercises along with your attendance and participation (e.g. answering questions posed to the class) at regular intervals throughout the course. I may also ask you to search for articles for discussion and answer related questions on articles which illustrate economic problems we have considered in class. You will be given the opportunity to make up for up to two lost participation points by turning in brief response papers to articles discussed in class at the end of the semester. I may also present exam questions drawn from our class discussions.

Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to deal reasonably and fairly with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. In this class, please see me at least two weeks prior to any conflicts due to religious observances. See full details at http://www.colorado.edu/policies/fac_relig.html

Other Policies

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to me a letter from Disability Services in a timely m

Economics 4616-001 Tentative Course Outline, Spring 2012

Week	Dates	Material
1	Jan 18-20	Intro to Labor Economics (ch.1) Labor Supply (ch. 2) -- To work or not to work? How many hours?
2	Jan 23-27	Labor Supply ch. 2) -- Income & substitution effects
3	1/30-2/3	Labor Supply (ch.2), continued --Estimating labor supply elasticity --Effects of welfare programs on labor supply.
4	Feb 6-10 M 2/6	Topics in Labor Supply (ch 2 continued plus noted selections) -- Unemployed & discouraged workers. (Discuss articles 1*) -- Life-cycle and Retirement Age (in class notes, 3-3 in 4e.).