

Economics 4616 – Labor Economics
Fall 2006, MWF 9:00-9:50, ECON 119
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Office Hours

MWF 10:00-11:00, or by appointment

I am usually in my office, however, so it's pretty easy to set up an appointment. Just

Exams: There will be two exams and one non-cumulative final. The first exam is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 27; the second is scheduled for Friday November 3; the final is Wednesday, Dec 20, 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Woo-hoo! As far as I know, the final will be in the same room as the class.

Grades

Grades will be based on:

1/3 first midterm

1/3 second midterm

1/3 final exam

I will curve the final grade for the course.

Other Concerns

Missed Exams: Make-up exams are not given. Exam absences will only be excused for compelling circumstances (family emergencies or *documented* illness), in which case the other exams will be re-weighted. Please let me know of any other concerns as soon as possible.

Special Accommodations: Students with documented disabilities who may need academic accommodations should speak with me during the first three weeks of class. Also contact the Disability Services Office, Willard 322 (303-492-8671), so that such accommodations may be arranged.

Extra Credit Assignments: are not given.

Class Disruptions: Please be respectful and turn off cell phones and do not bring pets to class.

There will be no class Friday, September 29th!

Course Schedule

Week 1 (Aug 28-Sept 1): Introduction to Labor Supply

Textbook: Chapters 1 and 2

Week 2 (Sept 4-8): Non-linear Budget Lines

Textbook: Chapter 2 continued

Week 3 (Sept 11- Feb 15): Household Production

Textbook: Chapter 3

Week 4 (Sept 18-25): Introduction to Labor Demand

Textbook: Chapter 4

First Midterm: Wed, Sept 27

Week 5 (Oct 2- 6): Labor Demand, Cont

Textbook: Chapter 4, cont.

Week 6 (Oct 9-13): Taxes, Monopsony and Minimum Wages

Textbook: Chapter 5

Week 7 (Oct 16- 20): Compensating Wage Differentials

Textbook: Chapter 6

Week 8 (Oct 23 - 27): Human Capital: Schooling

Textbook: Chapter 7

Week 9 (Oct 30- Nov 3): Human Capital: On-the-Job Training, Wage Profiles and Signaling

Textbook: Chapter 7, cont.

Second Midterm: Fri, Nov 3

Week 10 (Nov 6-10): Labor Mobility

Textbook: Chapter 9

Week 11 (Nov 13-17): Discrimination

Textbook: Chapter 10

Week 12 (Nov 20-24): Labor Unions

Textbook: Chapter 11

Week 13 (Nov 27- Dec 1): Labor Contracts and Work-Incentives

Textbook: Chapter 12

Week 14 (Dec 4-8): Labor Contracts and Work-Incentives, Cont

Textbook: Chapter 12

Wednesday, Dec 20, 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

All dates are tentative, but will follow this general schedule.