

Economics 480: Labor Economics

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Meeting times: Fall 2014, TuTh 12:30PM – 1:45PM (section 1)
TuTh 2:00PM – 3:15PM (section 2)
Meeting place: Gardner 308

References: Borjas: Modern Labor Economics, 6th edition.

Prerequisites: Intermediate microeconomics and calculus

Scope of the course: The course will start with the **neoclassical approach to modeling the labor supply of workers, the firm's employment decision, and the equilibrium on the labor market.** The theory will then be applied and extended to topics that include **schooling decisions and human capital, compensating wage differentials, job search and unemployment, fertility, household labor supply decisions and inequality.**

Attendance: Regular attendance is strongly encouraged, but I don't always monitor attendance formally. If you miss a class I expect that you will submit assignments on time and that you know any announcements made in class.

Grading: Your grade will be based on three exams and several quizzes:

First midterm:	25%
<i>(in class - Thursday, September 25th)</i>	
Second midterm:	25%
<i>(in class - Thursday, October 30th)</i>	
Final exam	40%
<i>(12:30pm section: 12 pm GA 308 - Tuesday, December 9th, 2:00pm section: 12pm GA 308 – Saturday, December 6th)</i>	
Chapter quizzes:	10%
<i>(in class – At the end of each unit)</i>	

There will be no make-up exams; if you miss one for a valid reason, your overall grade will depend on the other exams

Homework: Every week, a few exercises will be assigned, collected, and sometimes graded.

Quizzes: At the end of each unit of the course, there will be a 5-minute in-class quiz over the readings. The quizzes will have questions selected from the "Review Questions" at the ends of chapters in the textbook.

Special grades: The top 5 final exams will be awarded an A, regardless of other scores in the course. To qualify for this deal, you must have taken both midterms and missed no more than one of the quizzes.

Academic integrity: Copying any assignment or exam from an undocumented source constitutes an honor violation.