

Econ 380: Labor Economics

Class Hours: MWF from 1:00pm–1:50pm in Gardner 307
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Office Hours: MWF 11:45 – 12:50pm or by appointment
Course Website: www.unc.edu/~gmcatee/econ380.html and [Sakai](#) (for grades only)
Course Calendar: [Google Calendar](#)

Prerequisites:

Econ 101 – Introduction to Economics
Econ 310 – Intermediate Microeconomics

Course Text:

George Borjas – Labor Economics, 5th Edition (6th Edition will work too)

Course Objectives:

In this course, we will expand on the ideas you have learned from Econ 101/310. We will apply them to various topics in labor economics.

Attendance:

Attendance is not mandatory but it is highly encouraged!

Homework:

There will be six graded homework assignments. They will be due at the beginning of class. Late homeworks receive 75% credit if turned in by the next class period after the deadline and 50% if turned in within two class periods of the deadline. No homework will be accepted after that.

Exams:

There will be three exams and a final. The final will cover material from the entire course.

Calculators will be allowed for exams. You'll need one that adds, subtracts, multiplies, divides, and does exponents.

If you miss an exam for any reason, the score for that exam will be determined by the final exam. For example, if you miss midterm 1, then the questions on the final that come from material covered on midterm 1 will be scored separately...making your midterm 1 score the percentage correct on this portion of the final.

University policy applies regarding attendance for the final: you need the permission of a dean to take a make-up final exam. The final exam is **FRIDAY MAY 3 AT NOON** in Gardner 307.

Project:

Please see instructions here: <http://www.unc.edu/~gmcatee/ClassProject.pdf>

THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL PROJECT – treat this as you would a midterm/final.

Class Participation:

I don't give points for participating but I will subtract points from the Project if you are disruptive.

Participation: I encourage you to ask questions if anything is unclear.

Disruption: I don't care if you sleep in class (your test scores might though...) but just don't do anything to distract me while I'm teaching. If you want to use your laptop, please sit in the back row.

Grading (dates are tentative):

18%	Homeworks
5%	Project
19%	Midterm 1
19%	Midterm 2
15%	Midterm 3
24%	Final exam

A	≥ 93
A-	90-93
B+	87-90
B	83-87
etc...	
F	≤ 59

Honor Code:

The Honor Code is in effect for all academic work at the University, and you are expected to do your work in a manner consistent with the Honor System. Before the graded assignments and tests, we will inform you of the guidelines with respect to the Honor Code.

<http://honor.unc.edu/>

Important Dates: <http://registrar.unc.edu/academic-calendar/academic-years-2012-2013-and-2013-2014/>