

# Economics 139: Labor Economics

## Summer I, 2015

### TR 11:00-1:50, PCYNH 120

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**Course Description:** Operation of labor markets. Labor force participation, unemployment, labor mobility, wage inflation, the impact of unions, human capital investments, internal labor markets, and labor market discrimination. *Prerequisites: Economics 1A-B or 1-2-3.*

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**Course Requirements:** There will be one midterm and one cumulative final exam.

Requirement	Date	Percent of Grade
Midterm Exam	Thursday, July 16	40%
Final Exam	<b>Saturday, August 1, 11:30am-2:29pm</b> Location TBA	60%

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**Text:** Ehrenberg and Smith *Modern Labor Economics: Theory and Public Policy*, Current Edition.

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**Grades:** Grades will be assigned based on relative performance in the course. At the end of the course, I will place all students in rank order based on total points accumulated and assign grades based on relative standing in that distribution.

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#### Approximate Outline:

June 30: Introduction and review of Microeconomics  
July 2: Chapters 3, 4, and 5  
July 7: Chapters 3, 4, and 5  
July 9: Chapters 6, 7, and 8  
July 14: Chapters 6, 7, and 8  
**July 16: Midterm Exam**  
July 21: Chapters 9, 10 and 11  
July 23: Chapters 12 and 13  
July 28: Chapters 14 and 15  
July 30: Wrap-up  
**August 1: Final Exam**

**Note:** This outline is a rough approximation and is subject to change.

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