

Economics 139: Labor Economics

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TR 2:00-4:50, WLH 2113

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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.*

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

Requirement	Date	Percent of Grade
Midterm Exam	Thursday, July 14	40%
Final Exam	Saturday, July 30, 3:00-5:59pm Location TBA	60%

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

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.

Approximate Outline:

June 28: Introduction and review of Microeconomics
June 30: Chapters 3, 4, and 5
July 5: Chapters 3, 4, and 5
July 7: Chapters 6, 7, and 8
July 12: Chapters 6, 7, and 8
July 14: Midterm Exam
July 19: Chapters 9, 10 and 11
July 21: Chapters 12 and 13
July 26: Chapters 14 and 15
July 28: Wrap-up
July 30: Final Exam

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