

**Economics 139: Labor Economics**  
**Summer I, 2018**  
**TR 2:00-4:50, WLH 2115**

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**TA:** We do not have a TA this summer

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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 |
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| Midterm Exam | Thursday, July 19                                   | 40%              |
| Final Exam   | <b>Saturday, August 4, 3:00-5:59pm</b> Location TBA | 60%              |

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**Optional 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:**

We will work problems from previous exams during each lecture. You are strongly encouraged to work through these problems as if your grade depended on it.

July 3: Introduction and review of Microeconomics  
July 5: Chapters 3, 4, and 5  
July 10: Chapters 3, 4, and 5  
July 12: Chapters 6, 7, and 8  
July 17: Chapters 6, 7, and 8  
July 19: **Midterm Exam**  
July 24: Chapters 9, 10 and 11  
July 26: Chapters 12 and 13  
July 31: Chapters 12 and 13  
August 2: Conclusion  
**August 4: Final Exam**

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

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