

Faculty Liberal Arts and Professional Studies

Department of Economics

Course: AP/ECON 3240 N – Labour Economics

Course Webpage: <https://moodle.info.yorku.ca/>

Term: Winter 2020

Prerequisite / Co-requisite: Prerequisite / Co-requisite Prerequisites: AP/ECON 1000 3.00 and AP/ECON 1010 3.00 or equivalents

Course Instructor/TA

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TA: TBA

Time and Location

Lectures

Suggested lectures will be posted on Moodle for viewing

Lecture/Discussion/office hours

Section N T 2:30–5:30, live over Zoom

Please note that this is a course that depends on remote teaching and learning. There will be no in-person interactions or activities on campus.

Technical requirements for taking the course:

Lectures, office hours and TA contacts will all be delivered through Zoom. In addition to stable, higher-speed Internet connection, students will need a computer with webcam and microphone, and/or a smart device with these features.

Here are some useful links for student computing information, resources and help:

[Student Guide to Moodle](#)

[Zoom@YorkU Best Practices](#)

[Zoom@YorkU User Reference Guide](#)

[Computing for Students Website](#)

[Student Guide to eLearning at York University](#)

To determine Internet connection and speed, there are online tests, such as [Speedtest](#), that can be run.

Expanded Course Description

- The entire course will be run synchronously according to the RO's schedule (i.e., with 'live' discussion sessions scheduled according to regular meeting times). Students are expected to meet at the scheduled times, via Zoom. Lecture notes/slides, practice questions etc will all be posted on course Moodle, which will be the portal for all course-

related material. The link for all scheduled Zoom meetings will be posted on course Moodle.

Course Objectives

(1) Brief statement of the purpose:

This course will examine the theory of labour economics. Subjects covered include labour supply, labour demand, labour market equilibrium, investment in human capital, labour mobility, union, and the structure of compensation.

(2)

The specific outcomes of the course are that students will be able to:

- critically examine issues related to functioning of markets.
- identify and describe current approaches to Microeconomic policy.
- apply theory to critically evaluate case studies

Course Text

The following text will be used for the course. Although the latest edition is listed, any recent edition may be used:

Benjamin, D., M. Gunderson, T. Lemieux and W.C. Riddell (2012). Labour Market Economics: Theory, Evidence and Policy in Canada (8th ed.), Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson. ISBN: 9781259030833

Organization of the Course (Topics):

The course would cover the following topics from the textbook from respective chapters including appendix (as time permits):

1. Labour Supply
Chapters 2-4
2. Labour Demand
Chapters 5-6
3. Wages and Employment
Chapter 7
4. Compensating Wage Differentials
Chapter 8
5. Investment in Human Capital
Chapter 9
6. Migration
Chapter 11 and supplement (to be determined)

7. The Structure of Compensation

Chapters 10, 13

8. Union

Chapter 14

Evaluation *

The final grade for the course** will be based on the following items weighted as indicated:

Midterm Test: 30% (March 2, 2:30-4:00pm Tuesday)

Final Examination: 70% (To be scheduled by the University)

All exams will be held online through Moodle in real time and will include multiple choice and short answer/problems. Midterm exam will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2:30-4pm. Final exam will be held on the date and time scheduled by the registrar's office during the official exam period in April. There will be no makeup for missed midterm. A missed midterm will automatically make final exam worth 100%.

"Final course grades may be adjusted to conform to Program or Faculty grades distribution profiles."

Grading, Assignment Submission, Lateness Penalties and Missed Tests

Grading: The grading scheme for the course conforms to the 9-point grading system used in undergraduate programs at York (e.g., A+ = 9, A = 8, B+ = 7, C+ = 5, etc.). Assignments and tests* will bear either a letter grade designation or a corresponding number grade (e.g. A+ = 90 to 100, A = 80 to 90, B+ = 75 to 79, etc.)

(For a full description of York grading system see the York University Undergraduate Calendar - <http://calendars.registrar.yorku.ca/2010-2011/academic/index.htm>)

* If an alternative number grade/percentage system is used for assignments or tests, it must be fully described in the course outline.

Students may take a limited number of courses for degree credit on an ungraded (pass/fail) basis. For full information on this option see Alternative Grading Option in the (*Faculty name*) section of the Undergraduate Calendar: ([provide web link to calendar description of this option for the Faculty offering the course](#))

Missed Tests: Students with a documented reason for missing a course test, such as illness, compassionate grounds, etc., which is confirmed by supporting documentation (e.g., doctor's letter) may request accommodation from the Course Instructor. ([State accommodation arrangement: e.g., allowed to write a make-up test on xx date.](#)) Further extensions or accommodation will require students to submit a formal petition to the Faculty.

IMPORTANT COURSE INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

All students are expected to familiarize themselves with the following information, available on the Senate Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum & Pedagogy webpage (see Reports, Initiatives, Documents) - <http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/files/CourseInformationForStudentsAugust2012.pdf>

- Senate Policy on Academic Honesty and the Academic Integrity Website
- Ethics Review Process for research involving human participants
- Course requirement accommodation for students with disabilities, including physical, medical, systemic, learning and psychiatric disabilities
- Student Conduct Standards
- Religious Observance Accommodation

Course ADD/Drop Deadlines

<https://registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/dates/su20>

****Policy and Guidelines on Withdrawn from Course:** <http://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/withdrawn-from-course-w-policy-and-guidelines/>