

Labor Economics I

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This course covers traditional and contemporary topics in labor economics and aims to encourage the development of independent research interests. Prerequisites are intermediate microeconomics (including basic duality) and familiarity with econometrics at the level of Mostly Harmless Econometrics.

Class requirements

All 661 participants are expected to:

- Attend class and recitation each week
- Take an out-of-class final during exam week
- Complete 4 problem sets and show up for the oral exam you get called for on it.
- Come to class prepared to discuss readings
- Complete an empirical project involving replication and extension of published work

The empirical project is detailed in a separate note posted on Canvas.

Auditors are expected to do the coursework required for credit.

Grading

Labor students may earn a total of 100 regular points plus 5 participation points as follows:

- problem set submission (10 points)
- problem set oral (20 points)
- final (50 points)
- empirical project (20 points)
- participation (5 points)

Reading Lists

See separate documents on Canvas