

## 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*.

The class is offered in two versions, 14.661 and 14.661A, meeting together.

### Class requirements

All 661/661A participants are expected to:

- Attend class and recitation each week
- Take an out-of-class final during exam week
- Complete 4 problem sets
- Come to class prepared to discuss readings

In addition, 661A participants are expected to:

- Complete an empirical project involving replication and extension of published work

*The 661A empirical project is detailed in a separate note posted on Canvas. Economics Ph.D. students aiming to satisfy requirements for Labor as a major field should take 661A.*

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:

- 14.661 – 4 problem sets (10 points each); final (60 points); 5 participation points for attendance awarded as .25 each for up to 20 classes, excluding the first (i.e., up to 5 excused absences)
- 14.661A – 4 problem sets (10 points each); final (40 points); empirical project (20 points); 5 participation points awarded as in 14.661

### Reading Lists

See separate documents on Canvas