

Labor Economics
Fall, 2020

- * Time: 9:50-12:15, Friday
- * Location: Room 6A303, Teaching Building #6
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* Requirements

(1) Homework: There will be 5 times of homework. You can form a team of at most three members to finish the homework, but each of you needs to submit a copy of homework with names of all team members in it. Homework accounts for 40% of the final grade.

(2) Midterm reading report: Each of you needs to finish a reading report related with labor economics independently. A detailed guidance will be provided. Midterm reading report accounts for 20% of the final grade.

(3) Final project: You can form a team of at most three members to conduct the final project. The team needs to present the final project in class. The schedule will be provided. Final project needs to be a research paper and it accounts for 40% of the final grade.

* Reading Materials

(1) Labor Economics, Eighth Edition, by George J. Borjas. McGraw-Hill Education, 2020. (G)

(2) Lecture notes by the instructor.

(2) Other reading materials will be provided.

* Topics (Tentative)

1. Introduction

Reading: Chapter 1 in G.

2. Labor Supply

Reading: Chapter 2 in G.

3. Education and Human Capital

Reading: Chapter 6 in G

4. Job Search

Reading: Slides

5. Labor Demand

Reading: Chapter 3 in G.

6. Labor Market Equilibrium

Reading: Chapter 4 in G.

7. Compensating Wage Differentials and Discrimination

Reading: Chapter 5 in G; Slides

8. Contracts, Risk-Sharing, and Incentive

Reading: Chapter 11 in G; Slides

9. Labor Market Discrimination

Reading: Chapter 9 in G

10. Labor Mobility

Reading: Chapter 8 in G

11. Unemployment

Reading: Chapter 12 in G

12. Labor Market Policies

Reading: Slides