

LABOR ECONOMICS

Economics ~~4813A~~ **4230 4232**

Class Time: TR 1:35-2:55

Classroom: IC 109

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to provide an introduction to the theory and practice of contemporary labor economics. The aim is to understand the forces that influence behavior in the labor market.

TEXTBOOK

R. G. Ehrenberg and R. S. Smith, *Modern Labor Economics—Theory and Public Policy*, 8e, Addison Wesley.

QUIZZES AND PROJECTS

There will be a few computer projects that require using computer software Eviews. Instructions for using Eviews will be given in class. Class assignments and other information can be found at the web site: <http://www.prism.gatech.edu/%7Ehl45/>.

EXAMS

Quizzes:	5 to 8 quizzes	in class
Exam I:	March 3	Thursday (in class)
Exam II:	April 21	Thursday (in class)

NO MAKE-UP EXAM WILL BE GIVEN.

NO RE-GRADING AFTER ONE WEEK FROM TEST RETURN.

COURSE GRADE

Quizzes	40% (drop one with the lowest score)
Projects	10%
Exam I	30% for Max(Exam I, Exam II)
Exam II	20% for Min(Exam I, Exam II)

ATTENDANCE

I will take attendance randomly. Each attendance taken is worth 5 points extra credits that will be added to one of your quiz scores.

COURSE OUTLINE

- 1) Labor demand
- 2) Labor supply
- 3) Labor Market Equilibrium
- 4) Compensating Wage Differentials
- 5) Human Capital
- 6) Labor Mobility
- 7) Labor Market Discrimination
- 8) Unemployment