

Last Revised: October 2021

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COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title: Introduction to Labour Economics

Course Number: ECON 203

Credits: 3

Total Weeks: 14 (Fall, Spring)
12 (Summer)

Total Hours: 39

Course Level: ☐ First Year ☒ Second Year
☐ New ☐ Revised Course
☐ Replacement Course

Department: Economics **Department Head:** S. Plater

Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable): N/A

Pre-requisites (If there are no prerequisites, type NONE): ECON 101 & ECON 102

Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE): NONE

Precluded Courses: N/A

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, we will explore the labour market of an economy. In this market of labour, the workers are the suppliers of labour and the employers are the demanders of labour. Within the interaction of labour, we will discuss topics such as wage determination, human capital, discrimination, unemployment, labour market policy, and others.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Learn basic concepts and terminology used in the field of Labour Economics.
- Practice mathematical tools and methods that are used in Economic Theory.
- Learn the theoretical modeling and derivation of the Supply of Labour.
- Learn the theoretical modeling and derivation of the Demand of Labour.
- Learn different theoretical approaches to wage determination in various markets.
- Familiarization with relevant topics and theories studied in Labour Markets

INSTRUCTION AND GRADING

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other (<i>specify</i>):	
Total	39

Grading System: Letter Grades ☒ Percentage ☐ Pass/Fail ☐ Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory ☐ Other ☐

Specify passing grade: 50%

Evaluation Activities and Weighting (total must equal 100%)

Assignments: 10% <i>Specify number of, variety, and nature of assignments:</i> 5 – 8 written submissions	Lab Work: %	Participation: % <i>Specify nature of participation:</i>	Project: % <i>Specify nature of project:</i>
Quizzes/Test: 20%	Midterm Exam: 30%	Final Exam: 30%	Other: 10% 2- 3 Topic Driven Reflection questions/case studies

TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

Provide a full reference for each text and/or resource material and include whether required/not required.

Labour Market Economics by Benjamin, Gunderson, Lemiux, Riddell. 8th Canadian Edition. 2017

COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topic
Week 1	Course Syllabus, self introductions, survey, other inquiries
Week 2	Introduction and Assignment 1
Week 3	Labour Markets and Assignment 2
Week 4	A1/A2 Solutions, Review, Quiz 1
Week 5	Short Run Labour Demand and Assignment 3
Week 6	Long Run Labour Demand and Assignment 4
Week 7	A3/A4 Solutions, Review, Quiz 2
Week 8	Oral and Written Midterm Examinations
Week 9	Labour Demand Elasticities and Assignment 5
Week 10	Frictions in the Labour Market and Assignment 6
Week 11	A5/A6 Solutions, Review, Quiz 3
Week 12	Supply of Labour to the Economy, Assignment 7, and Topic Driven Reflection
Week 13	Determination of Relative Wages, Assignment 8, and Topic Driven Reflection A7/A8 Solution, Review, and Quiz 4
Week 14	FINAL EXAM

NOTES

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: bctransferguide.ca