

Effective Semester: Spring 2024

**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 and 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:

- Understand fundamental concepts and terminology employed within Labour Economics.
- Apply mathematical techniques and methods used in Economic Theory and Labour Economics.
- Apply and integrate concepts in Labour Economics to solve scenarios experienced by students.
- Derive and analyze the Supply of Labour under different Labour market conditions.
- Derive and contrast the Demand for Labour in various Labour market structures.
- Evaluate and assess diverse theoretical frameworks for wage determination across different markets.
- Demonstrate understanding, synthesis, and critique of theories and topics explored in Labour Markets.

**INSTRUCTION AND GRADING**

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

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

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

**Specify passing grade:** 50%

**Evaluation Activities and Weighting (total must equal 100%)**

Assignments: %	Lab Work: %	Participation: 10%	Project: 20% <i>Specify nature of project:</i> Presentations
Quizzes/Test: 10%	Midterm Exam: 30%	Final Exam: 30%	Other: % (Class summary report)

**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. 9th Canadian Edition. 2021

**COURSE TOPICS**

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topic	Chapter
Week 1	Introduction to Labour Economics	1
Week 2	Introduction to the Microeconomic Models	MyCC
Week 3	Introduction to the Macroeconomic Models	MyCC
Week 4	The Mathematics of the Consumer Choice Model	2
Week 5	Basic Income Leisure Model	2
Week 6	Labour Supply and Public Policy and Life Cycle	3/4
Week 7	Labour Demand (Midterm)	5/6
Week 8	Labour Supply and Demand Together	7
Week 9	Compensating Wage Differentials	8
Week 10	Human Capital Theory	9
Week 11	Immigration / Wages across Markets	10/11
Week 12	Discrimination	12
Week 13	Unions/Unemployment	13
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](http://bctransferguide.ca)

**Last Reviewed:** April 9, 2024

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