The Hashemite University
Faculty of Economics and Business Administration
Fall Semester 2018/2019
Labor Economics (1802011424)

SYLLABUS

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Required Text and Supplements

Borjas, George J. Labor economics. Vol. 5. Boston etc: McGraw-Hill, 2010.

Course Objectives:

This course analyzes the Labor input in the economy, addressing topics of labor supply and labor demand, theories and practice of wage determination, and how wage structures and wage differentials develop and evolve. Macro-institutional forces related to labor, labor markets, and wages are considered, including labor force participation, evolution and change in labor markets, employment, and unemployment. Trends, measurement and analyses of labor productivity, labor mobility, labor market discrimination, and the role of government and unions in labor markets are further considered.

Learning Outcomes

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

1- Demonstrate an understanding of basic labor economics theory, including labor market structures and wage determination.
2- Apply their understanding of theoretical models to analyze trends in data pertaining to topics in labor economics.
3- Apply their understanding of theoretical models to case studies presented in the course.
4- Construct, defend, and analyze important labor policy issues.
5- Comprehend, assess, and criticize existing empirical work in labor economics.

Grading

The final grade distribution is as follows:

Homework's, Attendance , In-Class Exercises, Quizzes:…... 10 Points
Report..... 10 Points
1st Exam (To be announced)…… 20 points
2nd Exam (To be announced)..... 20 Points
Final Exam: (To be announced) comprehensive..... 40 Points
Total:…… 100 Points

Presentation

Short articles from the Wall St. Journal, Financial Times, Monthly Labor Review and various academic journals may be used in one of the presentation. The other may be taken from local newspaper.

Small project

A term paper of 8-10pp. is required on one of the topics covered in the course. No more than five students may sign up for the same topic. Signups for term paper topics must be made by October 7th. Exceptions to the list must be approved by the Professor.

Quizzes and Exams:

I will **NOT** accept excuses for missed exams or quizzes. Arrangements of using make-up exam can be made in advance in extraordinary circumstances. No make-up quiz will be held. The final examination will be comprehensive

Homework:

Homework is assigned and graded. Homework problems are to be considered an integral part of the course. It is up to the students to make sure he/she knows how to solve the problems in homework set. The exams will be designed to distinguish students who work out and study the homework problems.

Lectures Schedule

Week 1,2 and 3

- Chapter 1: Introduction to Labor Economics? **(3 lectures)**
- Chapter 2: Labor Supply **(3 lectures)**
- Chapter 3: Labor Demand **(3 lectures)**

Week 4 ,5,6and 7

- Chapter 4: Labor Market Equilibrium **(4 lectures)**
- Chapter 5: Compensating Wage Differentials **(4 lectures**)
- Chapter 6: Human Capital **(4 lectures)**

Week 8

- Midterm, on Tuesday NOV 18th (Ch. I and 1-6)

Week 9, 10 and 11

- Chapter 7: The Wage Structure **(4 lectures)**
- Chapter 8: Labor Mobility **(4 lectures)**
- Chapter 9: Labor Market Discrimination **(4 lectures)**

Week 12and 13

- Labor Unions **(4 lectures)**
- Review

Week 14

- Final Exam to be announced

Classroom Rules

1-Students must show the most respect toward each other and the instructor.
2-Come to class on time , and don't leave early unless permission has been obtained.
3- Students should not carry conversations with each other, or talk to cell phone during class lecture and discussion.
4- Students are not allowed to read non-assigned materials.
5- It's the student responsibility to inform the instructor " **a week** " prior if there is a conflict with an exam.