

Antalya Bilim University
Department of Economics
Labour Economics - ECON 1315
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Class time & Place: Wednesday 09:30 - 12:30

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This course introduces students to the field of Labour Economics and covers the topics of labour supply and demand, theories and practice of wage determination, and how wage structures and wage differentials develop and evolve. Particular emphasis is not only given on applied micro-economic theory and empirical analysis but also on the link between research and public policy. After completing this course, students will be able to use the analytical tools from intermediate microeconomic theory to analyse how society develops, allocates, and rewards human resources, and can study and explain a wide range of labour-related issues.

Course Books:

George J. Borjas, Labor Economics, 6th Edition, McGraw-Hill.

Recommended Readings:

The lecturer will provide additional reading material

Developing Graduate Attributes

Students will be encouraged to develop the following graduate attributes by undertaking the course activities and mastering the course contents. These attributes will be assessed within the following assessment tasks:

- skills involved in scholarly enquiry;
- an in-depth engagement with the essential topics in the field of microeconomics and (social) contract theory;
- the capacity for analytical and critical thinking;
- the ability to engage in independent and reflective learning.

Academic Honesty, Plagiarism & Cheating

Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. Plagiarism is a type of intellectual theft. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement. Students caught in either plagiarism or cheating during exams or in one of their homeworks will be reported to the department and faculty which will take disciplinary action.

Assessment Criteria:

- 1) **Midterm Exam (40%) + Final Exam (50%) + Homework, Project, Course Attendance (10%):** Students are responsible for all course materials until midterm exams. The final exam is cumulative and will focus on all units and topics studied throughout the course, but emphasis will be placed on the topics covered after the midterm.
- 2) **The passing grade performance at the end of the semester should be at least 50/100.**

Course Schedule (Tentative)

WEEK 1: Introduction to Labour Economics

WEEK 2: Labour Supply

WEEK 3: Labour Demand

WEEK 4: Labour Market Equilibria

WEEK 5: Wage Differentials

WEEK 6: Human Capital

WEEK 7: Wage Structures

WEEK 8: Midterm Exam

WEEK 9: Labour Mobility

WEEK 10: Labour Market Discrimination

WEEK 11: Labour Unions

WEEK 12: Work Incentives and Payment

WEEK 13: Unemployment

WEEK 14: Repetition & Questions