**Antalya Bilim University**

**Department of Economics**

**ECON 1315 – Labour Economics**

**Fall 2020/2021**

Class time & Place: Online lectures

Office hours: Since this is an online-only lecture, I will be available by email (michael.wegener@posteo.de), Skype (michael\_wegener) or WhatsApp (+90 531 357 66 98)

Dr Michael Wegener

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 microeconomic 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 Book:**

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

Students are responsible for getting a hard copy of the course book asap.

**Recommended Additional Readings:**

The lecturer will provide any additional reading material.

**Developing Graduate Attributes**

By undertaking the course activities and mastering the course contents, students will be encouraged to develop the following graduate attributes within the assessment tasks of the College of Business:

* skills involved in scholarly enquiry
* an in-depth engagement with the relevant disciplinary knowledge
* the capacity for analytical and critical thinking
* the ability to engage in independent and reflective learning

**Academic Honesty and Cheating**

Exams are closed books and closed notes. No books, records, cell phones or any other material may be used or consulted during the exams. ABU has a strict honour code to ensure the academic integrity. Any student caught cheating will receive a grade of F for the course, and student affairs will be notified to pursue further action.

**Assessment Criteria:**

**Midterm (40%):** Students are responsible for all class material covered until the midterm exam.

**Final Exam (60%)**: This exam is cumulative and will cover all units and topics studied throughout the course. However, the emphasis of the final exam will be on those topics covered after the midterm.

**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**