

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

ECON5470 Labour Economics Second Term, 2016-2017

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1 Lecture Hours and Location

Time: Thursday 12:30pm - 3:15pm

Venue: Ho Tim Building B6

Office hours: By appointment

2 Course Description and Objectives

This course emphasizes both theoretical and empirical studies. Topics covered include: static and dynamic models of the supply for labor, the demand of labor, wage inequality and discrimination, search theory, human capital theory, etc.

2.1 Prerequisite

Students should have taken advanced microeconomics, advanced macroeconomics and advanced econometrics before taking this course.

3 Class Schedule

Date	Content
12 January	Introduction and static labor supply
19 January	Static and dynamic labor supply
26 January	Dynamic labor supply
2 February	No class (public holiday)
9 February	Presentation: topics on labor supply
16 February	Labor demand and wage structure
23 February	Wage inequality and discrimination
2 March	Presentation: topics on inequality and discrimination
9 March	Search theory
16 March	Search theory (cont'd)
23 March	Presentation: topics on job search and migration
30 March	Human capital
6 April	Human capital (cont'd)
13 April	Presentation: topics on return to schooling and peer effects
20 April	Final exam

4 Assessment

Presentation	30%
Discussion	10%
Final exam	60%

5 Course Requirements

5.1 Presentations

2-3 students in a group present one paper (30 minutes) and discuss one paper presented by another group (5 minutes). The list of papers to be presented is uploaded on the eLearning system. Students should form a group and submit five favourite papers to the instructor no later than January 19, 2016.

The presentation should include the motivation, contribution, methodology, and main findings of the paper. The presenter must upload presentation slides to the Discussion Board at least 24 hours before the presentation.

The discussant's responsibility is to summarize the main findings of the paper, points out the pros and cons, and raise questions and suggestions. A few slides that help to lead the discussion is encouraged but not required.

5.2 Final exam

Final exam will be held on April 20 in class. This will be a close-book, no cheat-sheet exam.

6 eLearning System

You are advised to check the eLearning System regularly for course announcements, class meeting times and venues, assignments, submission guidelines, etc.

7 Academic Honesty

Attention is drawn to University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and to the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations. Details may be found at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>.

With each assignment, students will be required to submit a signed declaration that they are aware of these policies, regulations, guidelines and procedures. For group projects, all students of the same group should be asked to sign on the declaration.

For assignments in the form of a computer-generated document that is principally text-based and submitted via VeriGuide, the statement, in the form of a receipt, will be issued by the system upon students' uploading of the soft copy of the assignment. Assignments without the receipt will not be graded by teachers. Only the final version of the assignment should be submitted via VeriGuide.