



CURRICULUM GUIDE: OFFICIAL COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code	ECON 280	Course Title	Introduction to Labour Economics			
Credit Value	3	Department	Social Sciences			
No. of weeks	14	Hrs. per week	<i>Lecture</i>	<i>Tutorial</i>	<i>Laboratory</i>	<i>Total</i>
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Course Description	An analysis of the microeconomic and macroeconomic aspects of labour markets and government policy options relating to labour markets. Institutional aspects and recent trends in the Canadian labour market, and labour market models that seek to explain the behavior of labour market participants are examined. Policy analysis is studies with these models and is an important focus of the course.					
Prerequisite(s)	ENGL 098, ECON 103, ECON 105					
Initial Articulation Targets	<i>UBC</i>	<i>SFU</i>	<i>UVic</i>	<i>UNBC</i>	<i>TRU</i>	
	ECON 2XX (3)	BUEC 280 (3)-Q	ECON 200 Lev (1.5)	ECON 2XX (3)	ECON 2XXX (3)	
	For updated information on the transferability of this course, please consult the BC Transfer Guide, www.bctransferguide.ca					
Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the major trends and developments in the Canadian labour market. • Explain these real-world developments and labour market outcomes. • Explain what a distribution of income is and how it is measured. • Demonstrate knowledge of wage and income determination. Explain the effects • Be able to apply labour market theory to analyses of current events and labour policy issues, such as minimum wages, unions, minimum income supports, and taxation. • Articulate theories for why different people get paid in different methods: wages, salaries, royalties, profits, etc. 					
Content	<p>Core topics – all of the following will be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and Overview of the Labour Market • Institutional Aspects of the Labour Market • Trends in the Canadian Labour Force • Trends in Employment • Trends in Unemployment • Trends in Labour Compensation • Labour Market Decisions of Households • Labour Market Decisions of Firms • Wage Rate and Employment Determination 					



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wage Rate Differentials • Education, Training, and Earnings Differentials <p>Additional topics may also be covered, at the discretion of the instructor.</p>		
Methods of Instruction	Lecture, seminar		
Required Textbook(s)	<p>The following textbook(s) is/are required, or approved equivalent(s).</p> <p>Benjamin, Dwayne, Gunderson, Morley and Riddell W. Craig, Labour Market Economics. Latest Ed. Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson.</p> <p>Drost, Helmar and Hird, Richard. An Introduction to the Canadian Labour Market. Latest Ed. Scarborough: Nelson.</p> <p>Ehrenberg and, Ronald and Smith, Robert. Modern Labor Economics. Theory and Public Policy. Latest Ed., Addison - Wesley.</p>		
Required Equipment and Technology	<p>Students are required to have a computer with internet access.</p> <p>The following resources are provided by the College:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office 365 • Student email 		
Homework Hours	At minimum, students can expect one hour of homework for every hour of instructional time.		
Evaluation	<i>Component</i>	<i>% Value</i>	
	Assignments (2-4)	0-30%	
	Quizzes	0-20%	
	Class participation	0-10%	
	Term examination(s)	30-70%	
Final examination	30-40%		
Completion Requirements	The minimum grade to pass this course is D (50%). Unless otherwise stated, a minimum grade of C- (55%) is required for this course to fulfil a prerequisite.		
Course Designer(s)	Douglas Allen, Ph.D., Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University	Consultant(s), if applicable	
Dean's Approval	Barbara Moon, Ph.D., Dean of Arts and Sciences, Alexander College	Dean's Approval Date	September 27, 2006
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