



Department of Economics Course Outline

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| | | Term: | Fall 2004 |
| Course: | Economics 431 [The Canadian Labour Market] | Section: | 01 |
| Time: | TR 11:00-12:15 | Place: | SA 124A |
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Textbook(s):

Bruce, Christopher, *Economics of Employment and Earnings*, 2nd Edition, Nelson, Toronto, 1995.

Book(s) On Reserve:

Jacobsen, Joyce P. & Gilbert L. Skillman, *Labor Markets & Employment Relationships; A Comprehensive Approach*, Blackwell Publishing.

Benjamin, Gunderson & Riddell, *Labour Markets Economics*, McGraw Hill Ryerson.

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Labour economics can roughly be divided into two sections: the determination of earnings and the supply of labour. This course deals with the latter.

We will consider the factors which influence: education, hours of work, division of family responsibilities, fertility, migration, immigration, and retirement. In addition we will investigate the determinants of the level of unemployment and will ask whether unemployment can be reduced without causing inflationary pressures. At each stage, the economic theory will be related to policy issues, such as whether university education should be funded by the government or whether immigrants increase the welfare of the inhabitants of a country.