Course Description:
This course aims to acquaint students with traditional and contemporary topics in labor economics and to encourage the development of independent research interests. Topics include human capital, general and specific training, inequality, externalities, innovation and local labor markets. A detailed outline will be provided on the first day of class.

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes:
Be able to understand the determinants of labor market outcomes.
Be able to utilize applied econometrics to understand the functioning of labor markets.

Prerequisites/corequisites
Economics 301 or equivalent

Please Note: In planning this course, I assume students are familiar with Stata and Matlab, or equivalent is required. A programming tutorial will not be provided.

Required Textbook(s)
Acemoglu, Daron and David Autor  Lectures in Labor Economics https://economics.mit.edu/files/4689

Recommended Textbook(s)

Course Requirements/Assessments:
Assignments (approximately 2): 10%
Referee Reports (approximately 2) 10%
Replication Assignment: 20%
Presentations: 20%
Final Exam (Registrar Scheduled) 40%
Reading list

I. Human Capital: Introduction

AA Chapter 1


II. Human Capital: Signaling and Sorting

AA Chapter 2


III. Human Capital: Externalities and Peer Effects

AA Chapter 3


IV. Local Labor Markets and Neighborhoods


V. Training Investments and Learning

AA chapters 8 and 9


VI. Moral Hazard and Contracts

AA chapter 4,5


VII. Inequality


VIII. Presentations

Desire2Learn:
This course will make use of the Desire2Learn (D2L) platform. Students who are registered in the course can log on at http://d2l.ucalgary.ca through their student centre. Please note that D2L features a class e-mail list that may be used to distribute course-related information. These e-mails go to your University of Calgary e-mail addresses only.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details
Tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, then converted to letter grades.

A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a student to pass the course as a whole.
There will be a Registrar scheduled final examination, held in a classroom, lasting 2 hours.

Department of Economics Criteria for Letter Grades.

Economics professors use the following criteria when assigning letter grades:

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Grading Scale

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Tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, then converted to letter grades. The course grade is then calculated using the weights indicated above.

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There will be a Registrar scheduled final examination, held in a classroom, lasting 2 hours. Non-programmable calculators **WILL** be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations.

Tests and exams **WILL NOT** involve multiple choice questions.
eappraisal of Grades and Intellectual Honesty:
For reappraisal of graded term work, see Calendar 0.1
http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/gs-o.html

For reappraisal of final grade, see Calendar 0.1. B
http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/gs-o.html

Statement of Intellectual Dishonesty
http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/gs-r.html

Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct
http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/gs-r.html

Academic Accommodations:
The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy.
Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate
this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for
Students with Disabilities ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than disability, should
communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the course instructor.

Important Dates:
Please check: http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/academic-schedule.html

Student Organizations:
Faculty of Grad Studies website: http://grad.ucalgary.ca/home

Graduate Students Association: http://gsa.ucalgary.ca/

Professional Development for Grad Students
Workshops and resources can be found at http://www.ucalgary.ca/mygradskills/

Economics Graduate Association: http://econ.ucalgary.ca/ega/

Evacuation Assembly Point:
In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point
nearest to the classroom. The assembly point for this classroom is the Professional Faculty Food Court.

Safewalk:
The Safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on
campus. This service is free and available 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. Call 403-220-5333.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act:
Personal information is collected in accordance with FOIP. For more information, see
http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip/foip-hia.

Internet and Electronic Communication Device information:
The use of cell phones for any purpose in class is prohibited. Computers and tablets may be used for note-taking only.