

Labor Economics: Course Description

In this course students extend their knowledge of economic theory as it applies to the labor market, examine earnings and employment outcomes, and assess the efficiency and equity effects of several government programs that impact labor supply and demand. In lectures and readings a continuing focus will be on the methodological and statistical techniques employed by labor economists to test their theories. Students will have an opportunity to use both economic theory and empirical evidence to analyze in depth topics such as unemployment, income distribution, labor unions, and the impact of immigration and globalization on the labor market.