LABOR ECONOMICS SYLLABUS

Texts:

One copy of each text is on reserve in the library.

Outline and Assignment:

Week of:

Jan. 17
Introduction, Labor Force Characteristics, Overview of the Labor Market
Chapters 1, 2 in Ehrenberg and Smith

Jan. 24
The Demand for Labor
Chapter 3 and Appendix 3A in Ehrenberg and Smith

Jan. 31
Elasticities of Demand for Labor
Chapter 4 and Appendix 4A in Ehrenberg and Smith

Feb. 7
Extensions of the Theory of Demand
Chapter 5 in Ehrenberg and Smith

Feb. 14
Test I

Feb. 21
Supply of Labor to the Economy: The Decision to Work
Chapter 6 in Ehrenberg and Smith

Feb. 28
Labor Supply: Household Production and the Family
Chapter 7 in Ehrenberg and Smith; Chapter 12 in Reynolds

March 7
Compensating Wage Differentials and Investments in Human Capital
Chapters 8 and 9 in Ehrenberg and Smith; Chapters 3 & 7 in Reynolds.

March 14
Test II

March 21
Spring Break

March 28
Economic Issues in Compensation; Economics of Discrimination
Chapters 11 and 14 in Ehrenberg and Smith; Chapter 11 in Reynolds

April 4 & 11
Unions
Chapter 12 in Ehrenberg and Smith; The Unions by Estey: Chapters 36 and 37 in Reynolds.

April 18
Unemployment and Inflation
Chapter 15 in Ehrenberg and Smith; Chapters 14, 15, and 24 in Reynolds.
April 25

Migration
Chapter 10 in Ehrenberg and Smith; Chapter 19 in Reynolds.

Test III

May 2

Public Sector Labor Markets
Chapter 13 in Ehrenberg and Smith

May 17

Cumulative Final Exam
7:30-10:30
(Last day of finals)

GRADING:
The tests and the final are all weighted equally. You may drop your lowest test grade (or take the 3 test grades and skip the final). THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO MAKE-UP TESTS. If you miss a test, it will be considered your dropped test.

Graduate students taking Econ. 561 must also write a term paper. Graduate students should see me during my office hours before April 1 to get their paper topic approved. Graduate student papers are due May 9.