

ECON 235: Labor Economics, Fall 2013

Class meetings: 202 Olin, 4:40-6:00pm, Tuesday and Thursday

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Text: Ronald Ehrenberg and Robert Smith, *Modern Labor Economics*, 11th edition

Basic theory

Utility theory and the labor supply decision

Firm theory and the labor demand decision

Empirical methods

Extensions

Labor market frictions	Gender, race, and ethnicity in the labor market
Family and life cycle aspects of labor supply	Unions
Compensating wage differentials	Unemployment
Human capital	Inequality
Worker mobility	International trade
Compensation structures	

Exam dates

First test: Thursday, October 3

Second test: Tuesday, November 12

Third test: Thursday, December 19

Approximate grading scheme:

Test 1: 18%

Test 2: 22%

Test 3: 20%

Problem sets: 10%

Attendance, participation, weekly reflection papers: 15%

Lit review assignment: 15%