

School of Economics and Finance

## **ECON 433 LABOUR ECONOMICS**

Trimester 1, 2015

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

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#### **Trimester Dates**

Teaching Period: Monday 2nd March – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Study Period: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June  
Examination Period: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 1st July (inclusive)

#### **Withdrawal from Course**

1. Your fees will be refunded if you withdraw from this course on or before Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015.
2. The standard last date for withdrawal from this course is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. After this date, students forced to withdraw by circumstances beyond their control must apply for permission on an '*Application for Associate Dean's Permission to Withdraw Late*' including supporting documentation. The application form is available from either of the Faculty's Student Customer Service Desks or [online](#).

#### **Class Times and Room Numbers**

Lecture Location: RWW128  
Day: Monday  
Time: 1:40-3:30

#### **Course Delivery**

Course delivery takes the form of 12 approximately 1 hour 50 minute lectures.

### **Expected Workload**

The workload for ECON 433 is intended to be similar to that for other 400-level ECON or FINA courses. The total expected workload is 150 hours, comprising 12-13 hours per week.

### **Prescription**

This course provides alternative theories of labour markets, models and approaches to supply, demand and pricing of different types of labour.

### **Course Learning Objectives**

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. Understand the principal empirical approaches to estimating key labour-market relationships;
2. Use static and inter-temporal labour supply models to explain the supply side of the labour market;
3. Understand and apply the productivity and signaling models of human capital theory;
4. Explain the presence of group differences in labour market outcomes and understand different ways of empirically measuring discrimination;
5. Understand how to measure neighbourhood effects and social interactions and the role of immigration and geographical mobility in the labour market

### **Readings**

You will study and present journal articles and emerging scholarly work. Articles will be provided via Blackboard or available through the library.

### **Materials and Equipment**

Non-programmable calculators or ones with the memory cleared will be allowed in the exam.

### **Assessment**

The Assessment Handbook will apply to all VUW courses: see

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf>.

The final grade will be determined by four assignments (16%), one class presentation (10%), a replication project (24%), and a two-hour final exam (contributing 50%). Assignments will be collected prior to the start of class.

### **Penalties**

Unless an exemption has been sought and granted prior to the listed due date, late work will be accepted up to 48 hours after the due date and receive a 25 percentage point penalty.

### **Use of Turnitin**

Student work provided for assessment in this course may be checked for academic integrity by the electronic search engine <http://www.turnitin.com>. Turnitin is an on-line plagiarism prevention tool which compares submitted work with a very large database of existing material. At the discretion of the Head of School, handwritten work may be copy-typed by the School and submitted to Turnitin. A copy of submitted materials will be retained on behalf of the University for detection of future plagiarism, but access to the full text of submissions will not be made available to any other party.

### **Examinations**

Students who enrol in courses with examinations are obliged to attend an examination at the University at any time during the formal examination period. The final examination for this course will be scheduled at some time during the following period:

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 1st July (inclusive)

If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat)

**Communication of Additional Information**

Course documents and other information will be available on Blackboard. Announcements and presentations will be posted there.

**Student feedback**

Student feedback on University courses may be found at [www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback\\_display.php](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php)

**Link to general information**

For general information about course-related matters, go to <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/vbs/studenthelp/general-course-information>

**Note to Students**

Your assessed work may also be used for quality assurance purposes, such as to assess the level of achievement of learning objectives as required for accreditation and academic audit. The findings may be used to inform changes aimed at improving the quality of VBS programmes. All material used for such processes will be treated as confidential, and the outcome will not affect your grade for the course.

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