

# Syllabus

## *Descrizione corso*

Titolo insegnamento	Economia del lavoro
Codice insegnamento	27224
Titolo aggiuntivo	
Settore Scientifico-Disciplinare	SECS-P/02
Lingua	Inglese
Corso di Studio	Corso di laurea in Economia, Politica ed Etica
Altri Corsi di Studio (mutuati)	
Docenti	prof. Steven Eric Stillman, Steven.Stillman@unibz.it <a href="https://www.unibz.it/en/faculties/economics-management/academic-staff/person/36390">https://www.unibz.it/en/faculties/economics-management/academic-staff/person/36390</a>
Assistente	dott. Andrea Montalbano
Semestre	Secondo semestre
Anno/i di corso	3
CFU	7
Ore didattica frontale	42
Ore di laboratorio	12
Ore di studio individuale	-
Ore di ricevimento previste	21
Sintesi contenuti	This course gives a general overview of labor economics. It discusses both theoretical and empirical evidence on core topics including labor supply, labor demand, labor market equilibrium, unemployment and human capital. It also discusses the role of labor unions, incentive pay contracts, labor market discrimination in determining labor market outcomes. We also discuss theoretical and empirical evidence about social interactions, inequality, labor mobility, immigration, household decision-making and child development. Students will learn how to interpret theoretical ideas and applied research results such as how individual labor market

	decisions are impacted by government policies.
<b>Argomenti dell'insegnamento</b>	Introduction, Review of Empirical Methods, Labor Supply, Labor Demand, Labor Market Equilibrium, Human Capital, Labor Unions, Incentive Pay, Unemployment, Social Interactions, Labor Market Discrimination, Inequality, Labor Mobility, Immigration, Household Economics, Work, Family and Child Development.
<b>Parole chiave</b>	Labor supply, labor demand, inequality, immigration
<b>Prerequisiti</b>	
<b>Insegnamenti propedeutici</b>	Previous attendance of an introductory course in microeconomics is strongly suggested, to properly follow the lectures
<b>Modalità di insegnamento</b>	Lectures, discussions, small group projects
<b>Obbligo di frequenza</b>	Recommended, but not mandatory
<b>Obiettivi formativi specifici e risultati di apprendimento attesi</b>	
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<b>Modalità di esame</b>	<p>A voluntary midterm and mandatory final exam, both written, as well as a mandatory writing assignment and presentation. Non-attendees are allowed to take the midterm exam and are encouraged to do the presentation. The midterm grade can be rejected in which case the student will take a longer final exam covering all of the material in the course.</p> <p>For attending students, the course project is done in groups of 2 students and it includes a written project report (about 10 pages) and short 10-minute presentation of the main ideas developed.</p> <p>Non-attending students can do a course project in groups of 2 students if they prefer but must sign-up when this is offered, i.e. agree on a topic with the instructors at the least 2 months before the exam that they wish to take. Non-attending students can also do instead so a written 10-page project on their own.</p>
<b>Criteri di valutazione</b>	The final grade will be a weighted average of the writing assignment (25%), presentation (5%), midterm exam (35%) and final exam (35%). Students that do not take the midterm or reject

	<p>their midterm grade will be given a longer final that will count for 70% of the final grade. For non-attending students who choose not to do the presentation, the writing assignment will count for 30% of the final grade.</p> <p>The textbook, "Labor Economics" by George J. Borjas, additional reading materials made available to the class and the in-class slides of the instructor will form the basis for the material covered in the exams and will be made available to the students online.</p> <p>Criteria are standard: in exams correct procedure and solution counts. In addition, solutions to problems require the ability to summarize, evaluate, and establish relationships between topics, and skills in critical thinking. The writing assignment also requires clear reasoning and good written communication and the presentation oral communication skills.</p>
<b>Bibliografia obbligatoria</b>	<p>George J. Borjas, Labor Economics (McGraw-Hill, 7th edition 2013)</p> <p>Selected articles will be uploaded to the reserve collection as required readings.</p>
<b>Bibliografia facoltativa</b>	<p>Mankiw, G. 2014, Principles of Economics. 7th Edition. Cengage Learning. Including previous editions for review of basic microeconomic tools.</p> <p>Tito Boeri and Jan van Ours, The Economics of Imperfect Labor Markets (Princeton University Press, 2nd edition 2013)</p> <p>Ronald G. Ehrenberg and Robert S. Smith, Modern Labor Economics Theory and Public Policy (Pearson, 12th edition 2105)</p>
<b>Altre informazioni</b>	
<b>Obiettivi di Sviluppo Sostenibile (SDGs)</b>	<p>Sconfiggere la povertà, Buona salute, Ridurre le disuguaglianze, Parità di genere, Buona occupazione e crescita economica, Istruzione di qualità</p>