

**Faculty of Science Course Syllabus**  
**Department of Economics, Dalhousie**  
**Econ 5522 Labour Economics**  
**Winter 2026**

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Lecture: Tuesday and Thursday, 13:05 - 14:25 at McCain 2116

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This course requires students to have internet access and the ability to view course materials posted on Brightspace.

**Course Description:**

This is a graduate course in labour economics. The course focuses on covering contemporary topics in labour economics, such as education, health and family economics. The course also aims to acquaint students with various empirical methodologies used in labour economics.

**Prerequisites:**

Students must have a good understanding of undergraduate level econometrics before taking this course. Being able to use a statistical software such as STATA would also be a valuable asset in succeeding the course.

**Course Assessment:** Students will be evaluated on the basis of three course requirements:

- In-class final exam (30%): Apr. 7
- Replication and Presentation (35%): Each student will replicate an academic paper. The paper must be published in one of the following journals: AER, AEJ Applied, AEJ Policy, JOLE or RESTAT. The student must obtain the data and use STATA to replicate the paper. The student will also present the paper to the class, as if he/she were the author presenting the paper at a conference.
- Term paper (35%): Proposal due on March 3. Final paper due on April 20.

**Grading Scheme:**

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	F
90-100	85-89	80-84	77-79	73-76	70-72	<70

**Policy on Missed Materials:**

If a student misses the in-person exam for a valid medical reason or emergency, the student must email me **in advance** and submit the Student Declaration of Absence Form online through Brightspace. The student must make arrangements to write a comprehensive make-up exam in the first two weeks of April.

Assignments will NOT be accepted after the due date, unless a written proof of the emergency situation that causes the delay is provided.

**Other General Notes:**

Please note the Department of Economics Statement on Academic Integrity posted on the course website. As part of an academic community it is your responsibility to be aware of appropriate conduct. Any academic offence will be reported and acted upon immediately by Dalhousie administration.

**Course Coverage:**

See course schedule posted on BrightSpace.