

Econ 261A, Fall 2005

1. The lectures were generally interesting and informative and Prof. McGarry was very keen to entertain questions from students and to foster class discussion. It would have been nice to receive written comments on the paper topic proposals that we submitted. Also, since we are expected to formulate potential research question at the start of the academic year, it would be useful to get a broader perspective of the range of topics treated within the labor field.
2. I really like this course and the way it has been taught. I appreciate Professor McGarry's method in class. Generally speaking I got what I expected when I decided to audit in the class. For more suggestions, I would like to hear more containing of empirical study about human capital and education. Thanks.
3. Very knowledgeable + always very receptive to questions + appreciated the "open"-door policy. Liked the articles discussed, fact I learned a lot. Kathleen, I was impressed by your work as a researcher but your dedication to your students was inspiring. I really appreciate everything you've done for us + me.

I guess the only thing I would say about the class is I wish we could have gone over the econometrics behind the article more. I know, I know, we had 2 econometrics classes, but still, after the 1st qtr, I still feel a disconnect b/w my econometric understanding + how to practically apply it to problems! O/w I did enjoy the class. Thanks.

4. The course was good and interesting. The only thing I would possibly say is this it would be better to have this course in the spring quarter rather than in the Fall quarter, since the topics are kind of specific and oriented to a specific topic. It would be better to have Joseph Hotz course first, where topics like labor supply, labor parts participants, etc. are covered, topics that I consider are more appropriate to start learning labor as a field. (and this would be more helpful for us to choose topics for our field paper, something we have to do early during the first quarter)
5. Was a very nice class. Some of the topics were not that interesting to me (like transfer stuff) but I thought saving, retirement, and insurance stuff were very interesting.
6. I really enjoyed this course and I think that I learned quite a lot about small number of topics. Totally unrelated to this class...but it seems that the order of the labor sequence is not exactly correct because there were many times when "you haven't learned about labor supply" came up in class discussions. Overall the lectures were extremely well prepared. This is the most interesting course I have taken at UCLA.
7. Kathleen, this was the best labor course I ever had. Interesting, well organized....thank you very much!
8. Would have liked more time for material on latter part of quarter and less time on earlier topics would have liked overview of labor supply theory at beginning of sequence