Women in the Economy

Course #s:	Econ 417-01 & WS 417-01	Term:	Spring 2009
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Course Description

We will use economic theory to examine the multiple roles that women play in our society. Much of our time will be devoted to the working lives of employed women, with emphasis on the particular challenges that women face in the labor force. However, we will also look at family life and the importance of nonmarket work, and consider the effects of government policy on the life experiences of women. Finally, we will take a quick look at the experiences of women in other countries.

Instructor

The instructor for this course is Dr. Sarah Tinkler. The best way to contact me is to send an E-Mail and you should receive a response within 24 hours. If you don't hear back within 48 hours, please try again since there is a chance that a message may get lost.

Important Course Requirements

You will need an ODIN account (PSU E-Mail address ending in "@pdx.edu") in order to access the course website. Contact the Help Desk in the basement of Smith Memorial Union as soon as possible so that you are added to the online portion of the class.

Econ 201 is a recommended prerequisite for this course. This means that we use models that are taught in Econ 201. If you haven't passed Econ 201, you may wish to get a copy of ANY Principles of Microeconomics textbook to use as a reference for this course.

Grading Practices

4 Online Quizzes (25 points each)	100 Points
Paper	100 Points
Final Exam	100 Points
Total points	300 Points

Course Materials

The Economics of Women, Men and Work (5th Edition) by Francine D. Blau, Marianne A. Ferber and Anne E. Winkler. Additional materials will be provided on the website.

Course Calendar

Attendance is not mandatory, but requested so that you can take full advantage of what should prove to be a rich and interesting dialogue in the classroom. The topics that we cover may prove sensitive at times and I respectfully request that all contributions to the class be made in a spirit of cooperation and kindness. Studies have shown that students who attend class regularly can expect to raise their grade by one full point.

Calendar

Week 1 (starts March 30th)	Introduction to Economics (Ch. 1) Labor Law (class notes)
Week 2 (starts April 6th)	Women and Men in a Changing Economy (Ch. 2) **Quiz 1 closes Sunday, April 12th**
Week 3 (starts April 13th)	Families (Ch. 3)
Week 4 (starts April 20th)	Labor Supply (Ch. 4) **Quiz 2 closes Sunday, April 26th**
Week 5 (starts April 27th)	Differences in Occupations and Earnings (Ch. 5) Negotiation (class notes)
Week 6 (starts May 4th)	Human Capital (Ch. 6) **Quiz 3 closes Sunday, May 10th**
Week 7 (starts May 11th)	Labor Market Discrimination (Ch. 7) Invisible Knapsack of White Privilege (class notes) **Paper Due Friday, May 15th**
Week 8 (starts May 18th)	Recent Trends in the Labor Market (Ch. 8) Changing Work Roles and the Family (Ch. 9) **Quiz 4 closes Monday, May 25th**
Week 9 (starts May 27th)	Government Policy (Ch. 10) **Monday, May 25th is Memorial Day (No Class)**
Week 10 (starts June 1st)	Gender Differences in Other Countries (Ch. 11)

Final Exam on Thursday, June 11th from 12:30-14:20
Please make a note of this day and time.

Policies

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Disability Resources at PSU
Students with accommodations approved through the Disability Resource Center are responsible for contacting the faculty member prior to, or during, the first week of term to discuss accommodations. Students who believe they are eligible for accommodations but who have not yet obtained approval should contact the DRC immediately.

Academic Honesty
Academic honesty is expected and required of students enrolled in this course. Suspected academic dishonesty in this course will be handled according to the procedures set out in the *Student Code of Conduct*