Course Details

**Venue:** TBA

**Course Objective:** This course is designed to familiarize students with the current literature on employment theory and policy, including our current knowledge about efficient policies and institutions. Moreover, we will discuss the modelling frameworks and methods currently used in research in this area.

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Course Description and Grading

During this term, you will read a number of book chapters, papers, and articles related to unemployment theory, employment policy, and institutions. We will meet once a week for about two hours to discuss the readings and address any questions that may have arisen. The focus will be on modelling strategies, the methods used in recent research papers, and the main results and their policy implications.

There are two components to your grade:

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**Exam:** There will be a 20-30 min oral exam at the end of the term. The exam will be a test of your understanding of the subject material and your ability to analyze and formulate solutions to specific problems.

**Paper:** You will write a paper on a topic related to the subject of this course. The submission deadline will be announced later.

**Other requirements:** Attendance is required. Moreover, you will be required to present your paper.
# PRELIMINARY Course Outline and Readings

## 1. Introduction

## 2. (Un-)Employment Theory

## 3. Unemployment Insurance in Theory

## 4. Unemployment Insurance in Practice

## 5. Alternative Systems
Academic Integrity

This course will conform to the academic requirements and standards for graduate courses, including the rules of *Student Appeals in Academic Matters* (see [http://www.usask.ca/university_council/reports/12-06-99.shtml](http://www.usask.ca/university_council/reports/12-06-99.shtml)) and Academic Honesty (see [http://www.usask.ca/honesty/](http://www.usask.ca/honesty/)).

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