REVISED AMENDMENT TO EXISTING SYLLABUS FOR ECON 431-531
Date Revision Shared with Students: 3/27/2020

In response to the 2020 COVID-19 global pandemic, all courses at the University of Alberta moved to remote delivery, effective March 17, 2020. Subsequently, a decision was made to adjust the grading scheme for all University of Alberta courses for the Winter 2020 term to award one of the following grades: CR (credit) or NC (no credit) as indicated in the University Calendar.

The changes were put in place to ensure equity among students, preserve academic integrity in extraordinary circumstances, and to manage the issues presented by an uncertain future, including on our students and human resources.

To ensure clarity for students, all Winter 2020 course outlines for both undergraduate and graduate courses are to be updated using this template to outline changes to exams, assessments and grading and shared with students.

Course Code: ECON 431-531
Course Title: Labor Economics - Labour Economics I
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Revised course assessment plan (Please list all assessed assignments and weighting below)

Decisions have now been made on all course parameters (as of 3/27):
- Packback will continue as before, with question #11 having been posted on Monday, 3/30, and question #12, the last question, coming on Monday, 4/6. Please have all answers entered by Sunday, 4/12, at the very latest.
- Grad presentations will continue as before, being due on Wednesday, 4/8, but as stand alone slides rather than an actual presentation to the class. All three grad presentations will be made available to the class, likely via email.
- Course outlines mostly remain the same as before. The weighting scheme will remain the same. Grades will still be constructed as usual, with the distribution provided to the department, but the final letter grades will be translated into credit (CR), no credit (NC), and incomplete (IN). There is also the option to withdraw (W) from the course by Wednesday, 4/8.
- Final exams will still adhere to the exam due date of Friday, 4/17. However, instead of the exam being two hours long, and only happening on that day in a similar format to the mid-term exam, an essay question will take its place. This take-home essay will first be circulated on Monday, 4/13, leaving four days to complete it. Details as to the format of the answer will be provided at that time.

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

- If students require alterations in their approved accommodations, please contact arrec@ualberta.ca.

- The changes with respect to the mode of delivery of instruction and assessment and the changes to grading regulations do not constitute grounds for an appeal under academic appeal policies (i.e. grade or academic standing appeals may not be advanced on the grounds of these changes).

- When Incomplete (IN) status is assigned instructors are required to communicate with students about the mechanisms and requirements that will be implemented to determine the student final grade of CR or NC. For more information, including the time to complete the remaining course work see the University Calendar.