

University of Toronto
Department of Economics

ECO332S: Economics of the Family
Winter 2013
RW 110

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Lectures: W9-11
Tutorial: F9-11 (mandatory)

This course **USES MICROECONOMICS** to study the economics of the family, including marriage, divorce, children, single parenthood and gender roles.

***** Test and exam are open book. Also bring a calculator.*****

Prerequisite: [ECO200Y1](#)/[ECO204Y1](#)/[ECO206Y1](#);

Grading scheme: 1 midterm (40%), 1 final (40%), class participation and homework (20%)

Class notes and readings on blackboard

If you miss the midterm and have a doctor's note, there will be a makeup midterm on Friday, Feb 15, 9-11am.at RW110

Reading schedule:

Jan 9, 16 Children as public goods

Lundberg, Pollak and Wales (1997), "Do Husbands and Wives Pool their Resources?",
Journal of Human Resources, p. 463-480

Duflo, E. "Grandmothers and granddaughters: Old-age pensions and intrahousehold
allocation in South Africa" The World Bank Economic Review, 17(2003), 1-25.
[http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTAFRREGTOPGENDER/Resources/dufl
ograndmothers.pdf](http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTAFRREGTOPGENDER/Resources/dufl
ograndmothers.pdf)

Jan 23 Investment in Children's human capital

Hongbin Li & Mark Rosenzweig & Junsen Zhang, 2008. "Altruism, Favoritism, and
Guilt in the Allocation of Family Resources: Sophie's Choice in Mao's Mass Send Down
Movement," <http://ideas.repec.org/p/egc/wpaper/965.html>

Jan 30 Quantity and quality of children

Bailey & Collins: Electrification and the baby boom.
<http://ideas.repec.org/a/aea/aejmac/v3y2011i2p189-217.html>

Albanesi and Olivetti: Baby boom II. <http://www.nber.org/papers/w16146>

Josh Lewis: Electrification and children's health

Feb 6 Nature versus nurture

Sacerdote. <http://www.dartmouth.edu/%7Ebsacerdo/wpapers/Adoption1.doc>

Feb 13 Mid term (open book and notes)

Feb 27, Mar 6 Gender Neutral Marriages I.

Francis, Andrew M. "[Sex Ratios and the Red Dragon: Using the Chinese Communist Revolution to Explore the Effect of the Sex Ratio on Women and Children in Taiwan.](http://ideas.repec.org/a/spr/jopec/v24y2011i3p813-837.html)".
<http://ideas.repec.org/a/spr/jopec/v24y2011i3p813-837.html>

Brandt, Siow, Vogel. "Large Shocks and Small effects in the Marriage Market. "

Mar 13, 20 GNM II

Readings: Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfson (2000), "Till Death do Us Part: Effects of Divorce Laws on Suicides, Domestic Violence and Spousal Murder"
<http://www.nber.org/papers/w10175>

Mar 27, April 3 Differential Fecundity & Marriage

Readings: Age of menarche, marriage and female education: Children and Female earnings. <http://ideas.repec.org/a/ucp/jpolec/v116y2008i5p881-930.html>

Amalia Miller. "[The Effects of Motherhood Timing on Career Path](#)" *Journal of Population Economics*, July 2011, 24(3): 1071–1100.

Bailey. Pill and Female Earnings.

http://econpapers.repec.org/article/tprqjecon/v_3a121_3ay_3a2006_3ai_3a1_3ap_3a289-320.htm