

University of Toronto
Department of Economics

ECO332F: Economics of the Family

Fall 2013

LM 158

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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%), in class quizzes (20%)

Class notes and readings on blackboard

If you miss the midterm and filled out the UT illness verification form (<http://www.illnessverification.utoronto.ca>) and have a doctor's note, there will be a makeup midterm on Friday, Oct 25, 9-11am.at my office.

Reading schedule:

Sept 11 Investment in Children's human capital

Oster, Emily, Ira Shoulson, and E. Dorsey. 2012. Limited Life Expectancy, Human Capital and Health Investments: Evidence from Huntington Disease. NBER

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>

Sept 18, 25 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), 1-2
<http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTAFRREGTOPGENDER/Resources/duflograndmothers.pdf>

Oct 2, 9 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

Oct 16 Nature versus nurture

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

Oct 23 Mid term (open book and notes)

Oct 30 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. "

Nov 6, 13 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>

Nov 20, 27 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