Economics 309 Women and the Economy Summer 2006

Class Details: Monday/Wednesday 12:00pm - 2:30pm  Class Meets: TBA

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Course Structure: Lecture, Student Project, Written Assignments and Exams

Grading: Midterm Exam Wed., May 31 30%
Class Project 30%
Cumulative Final Exam: June 28 Wed. 30%
In-Class and Homework Assignments 10%

Grading Scale: A: 90-100;   BA: 87-89
B: 80-86;   CB: 77-79
C: 70-76;   DC: 67-69
D: 60-66
F: below 60

Tests: Multiple choice, short answer, graphs, essay.

In-Class and Homework Assignments: Group study acceptable but each student must turn in own work. The lowest two grades will be dropped. No assignments will be returned to students after grading so keep notes on each assignment.

Exam Make-up Policy: There will be NO make-up exams given. With an excused absence from an exam, the missed exam’s grade points will be transferred to the final exam.

Professor Web Page: Contains powerpoint slides representing abbreviated drafts of overheads used in class. Students should bring hard copies of slides to class to make notes of updates and additions. Also, see web page for important project guide, project list and schedule, as well as exam study guides.
Course text: *Women and the Economy: Family, Work, and Pay*
(by Saul D. Hoffman and Susan L. Averett)

Assigned Readings by Topic

**Introduction**
Chapter 1

**Tools:**
Chapter 2

**Marriage:**
Chapters 3 and 4

**Fertility:**
Chapters 5 and 6

**Women at Work:**
Chapter 7

**Earnings, Occupations, and the Labor Market**
Chapter 8

**Gender Gap in Earnings**
Chapters 9 and 10

**Policy:**
Chapters 11 and 14

**Poverty and Welfare:**
Chapter 12

**Social Security:**
Chapter 13
Tentative Schedule of Topics

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