Economics 309 Women and the Economy Spring 2003

Class Details: Tuesday/Thursday 11:00am-12:15pm in Schneider Room 1220

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

Grading: Midterm Exam 30%
Class Project 30%
Cumulative Final Exam: April 21 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.

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.
Course Materials

1. Text in course pack can be purchased at University Bookstore
   (NOT one on campus; at corner of Michigan Avenue and Howard Street)
   Note: This is a draft of a textbook, title *Women and the Economy: Family, Work, and Pay*, by Saul D. Hoffman and Susan L. Averett (to be published by Addison-Wesley-Longman).


Assigned Readings by Topic (refers to above sources by number: #1, #2, and #3)

Introduction/Tools:
   #1: Chapter 1

Marriage:
   #1: Chapters 2 and 3
   #3: Chapters 1, 2, and 3

Time Allocation:
   #2: Chapter 3
   #3: Chapters 4 and 5

Fertility:
   #1: Chapters 4 and 5
   #2: Chapter 6
   #3: Chapter 4

Employment and Gender Gap in Earnings
   #1: Chapters 6 and 7
   #3: Chapters 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Policy:
   #1: Chapter 9 (Overview)
   #1: Chapter 12 (Family Policy)
   #2: Chapter 6 (Family Policy: Family and Medical Leave Act)
   #1: Chapter 10 (Poverty and Welfare)
   #1: Chapter 11 (Social Security and Taxes)
## Tentative Schedule of Topics

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