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Description for Course 30481
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Course Title:

Topics in the Development of the American Labor Force

Course Description:

This course uses the tools of economics to understand the major forces shaping the American labor force, in both the past and the present. Examples of course topics include: the major waves of European migration to the U.S., including waves of Irish immigration; the development and rise of the high school in America; important trends in educational attainment particularly of women and minorities; the economic effects of Civil Rights legislation; and the English language only debate. This course is closely related to Econ 33480 (Migration, Education and Assimilation) but does not require a research paper. Prerequisites: Principles of Microeconomics. Concurrent enrollment in or completion of a statistics course, Econometrics, or Intermediate Microeconomics is helpful but not required.