

University of Toronto  
Department of Economics

ECO332F: Economics of the Family  
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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. You may bring notes, etc. Also bring a calculator.\*\*\*\*\*

*Prerequisite:* ECO200Y/206Y

*Grading scheme:* 1 midterm (50%), 1 final (50%)

*(CN) class notes will be available on the web site:*

“<http://www.economics.utoronto.ca/siow/332/index.html>”

Sept 15, 22: (CN) Children as public goods

Waite, Linda J. Does marriage matter? *Demography*, 32(4), 1995. p. 483-507,

<http://www.jstor.org/cgi-bin/jstor/listjournal>

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

Sept 29, Oct 6: (CN) Gender neutral marriages I

Oct 13, 20: (CN) Gender Neutral Marriages II.

(CN) Gruber, Jonathan (2000), “Is Making Divorce Easier Bad for Children? The Long Run Implications of Unilateral Divorce”,

(CN) Steven, Betsey (2003), “Divorce laws on marriage specific capital”.

(CN) Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfson (2000), “Till Death do Us Part: Effects of Divorce Laws on Suicides, Domestic Violence and Spousal Murder”

Nov 3 – Midterm exam

Nov 10 (CN) Gender Neutral Marriages III

Nov 17, 24: (CN) Differential Fecundity & Marriage I

(CN) Differential Fecundity & Marriage II

(CN) Miller, Amelia (2005), “Motherhood timing on career path”.

Dec 1: Effects of Reproductive Technologies

(CN) Goldin, Claudia and Larry Katz (1999), “The Power of the Pill: Oral Contraceptives and Women's Career and Marriage Decisions”.

(CN) Gruber, Levine and Staiger (1999), “Abortion Legalization and child living circumstances: Who is the marginal child?” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, p. 263-

Dec 8: Evolution of Gender Roles

(CN) Botticini, Maristella and Aloysius Siow, “Why Dowries?”