

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LABOR ECONOMICS FIELD 2024-2025

### Course Requirements

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Fall 2024	Winter 2025	Spring 2025
261A Labor Economics I Professor Maurizio Mazzocco	261B Labor Economics II Professor Daniel Haanwinckel  262A Topics in Labor Economics Professor Yotam Shem-Tov	244 U.S. Labor Markets and Public Programs since 1940 Professor Martha Bailey

### Field Requirements

In either field:

- **Course work:** Students must pass a total of 3 courses with a grade of a B or better. We strongly recommend that all students interested in labor take all four of the labor courses. In addition, taking courses in public finance, development, and IO are highly complementary. These courses could be taken in the third year.
  - **Note that course work cannot be double counted.** If students take a course in labor that is cross listed in PF or development, they still must take a total of 6 different courses if they want to complete two different applied field sequences. So, for example if a student takes the labor field course that is cross-listed with PF, students must decide which field to count.
- **Second year paper:** Students seeking to complete the Labor Economics field at UCLA are required to write a research paper during their second year. The labor group has designed the requirement to take you through the *process* of finding a research question (something faculty do all the time), provide you with written and verbal feedback at several points over the year to help you choose a great (and feasible) research question, and write your 2nd year paper (or very detailed paper proposal if results are not feasible). This paper will contribute to the completion of the formal ATC requirements and should also set students up for success in their third year as they transition to dissertation work.
- **Proseminar presentation:** Each student must present one paper idea (chosen in collaboration with faculty) in the Applied Proseminar. We expect these presentations to be short (10-15 minutes).
- **Field Exam:** Every student must pass a **second-year field exam** to ATC. Field exams will take place outside of the academic year quarters to minimize the burden on students. The field exam for labor will take place in the last week of June 2025. If needed, the exam can be retaken in September 2025.
- **ATC:** You must have received a passing grade in 3 of the labor field courses, pass the field exam and 2nd year paper requirement, and have a successful dissertation proposal.

### Labor faculty

The following faculty can serve as advisors in the Labor Field:

Martha Bailey, Dora Costa,\* Michela Giorcelli,\* Felipe Goncalves, Daniel Haanwinckel, Maurizio Mazzocco, Yotam Shem-Tov, Till von Wachter

*\*These advisors require a strong economic history or economics of innovation component.*