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A course packet containing required readings (other than those in the texts) is available at Ulrich’s. Required readings are denoted by * and should be read prior to the class in which they will be discussed. Other items listed will be drawn upon in lectures or are useful standard references.

Required work for the course consists of several problem sets, one short paper, and the final exam. The paper can be either a simple empirical paper using survey data to analyze issues covered in the course, or a critical review of one or more papers relevant to the course. All work must be turned in by the scheduled time of the final exam as published in the university course schedule.

I. Introduction: Malthus and Economic-Demographic Equilibrium


II. Household Production and the Allocation of Time


III. Economics of Fertility


T. P. Schultz, Economics of Population, Chapter 6, “Microeconomics of Fertility and Surviving Family Size.”


IV. Economics of Fertility and Investments in Children in Developing Countries


V. Economics of Marriage


VI. The Link Between Marriage and Fertility


VII. Altruism in the Family


VIII. Bargaining Models and Intra-Family Allocations


IX. Age Structure, Intergenerational Transfers, and Social Security


