

# Labor Economics Reading List (Economics 750)

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If in doubt about what to read, read less, more carefully. But it is good to browse through many papers quickly early in the semester, to get an initial impression of where things fit in, and to get ideas for research papers.

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