Course Outline

Graduate Labor Economics

This is a core labor economics course. Within each topic we cover stylized facts, the basic model, relevant extensions, and the up-to-date empirical literature.

The course consists of 10 three-hour lectures. The course is examined via a traditional exam.

Literature list (N.B. Subject to change)

Background reading


(*) = required reading (subject to change)

Literature by topic

1. Labor Supply

1.1 The classical labor supply model


1.2 Income taxes

1.3 Income security programs

2. Human Capital
2.1 Basic human capital
Acemoglu, D. and D. Autor, *Lectures in Labor Economics*, chapter 1 (ch 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8 and 1.9) (*)

2.2 Human Capital and Signaling
Acemoglu, D. and D. Autor, Lectures in Labor Economics, chapter 2 (ch 2.1 and ch 2.3) (*)

2.3 On-the-job Training
Acemoglu, D. and D. Autor, Lectures in Labor Economics, 8.1-8.4 + 9.1-9.2 (Part of the chapters) (Part of the chapters) (*)
Bloom, N. and John van Reenen (2011) “Human resource management and productivity”, Chapter 19 in Handbook of Labor Economics 4B.

3. Labor Demand, Minimum Wages, and Employment Protection

4. Discrimination and Immigration

4.1 Discrimination


4.2 Immigration


5. **Search and Unemployment**

5.1 **Partial Equilibrium Search and Duration Analysis**


Cahuc and Zylberberg, Labour Economics, ch. 3. (*


5.2 **Equilibrium Search**


