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.

Literature list (N.B. Subject to change)

Background reading

Acemoglu, D. and D. Autor (2011), Lectures in Labor Economics, manuscript, MIT.

Angrist, J.D. and J-S Pischke (2009), Mostly Harmless Econometrics, Princeton University Press.


(*) = 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 Externalities and Peer Effects

Acemoglu, D and D. Autor, *Lectures in Labor Economics*, chapter 3 (Part of the chapter) (*


### 2.4 On-the-job Training

Acemoglu, D. and D. Autor, *Lectures in Labor Economics*, chapter 8-9 (Part of the chapters) (*


### 3. Labor Demand, Minimum Wages, and Employment Protection

#### 3.1 Labor Demand


3.2 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

5.2 Equilibrium Search
Acemoglu, D. and D. Autor, chapter 11 (ch 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3) (*)
Lecture Notes (*)