Topics in Labor Economics
Microeconometrics
2nd Year PhD

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Course Description:
This course gives you an overview of the field of labor economics. We will cover a range of topics including the analysis of labor supply, human capital accumulation and migration decisions as well as a variety of other topics related to cultural economics and labor market discrimination. The course will have a significant empirical component and survey some of the major issues in applied modern research. The course will be delivered through 4 weeks (90 minutes twice per week during). Slides to follow the lectures will be provided each week. There is no single textbook that covers the material for the entire course; rather there are various textbooks, listed in the reading list, that focus on particular sections of the course.

Evaluation:
The grade will be based on a final exam (50%) and one class presentation (20%) and written critical discussion (30%) of one paper related to any of the topics covered during the course. In this critical discussion, students should: (a) summarize the article, including its motivation, theoretical framework, econometric methods used and main results; (b) critically assess the contribution of the paper; including the strengths and weaknesses of the paper’s approach, methods and data used, and whether the paper addresses an important issue and assessment of how convincing are the findings of the paper; (c) propose feasible and attractive extensions of the article. This assessment should be between 8-10 pages in length. You should discuss with me the paper you wish to study at the end of the second week of the course. You can choose one of the papers in the list below (“Papers for Presentation”). The class presentation will be during the last week of the course and the submission of the written discussion is due at the end of the exam period.
Outline:

Topic 1: Labor Supply and the Allocation of Time
1.1 Facts about the Labor Supply
1.2 The Neoclassical Theory of Labor Supply
1.3 Policy Applications
1.4 Empirical Aspects of Labor Supply

Topic 2: Education and Human Capital
2.1 Some stylized facts
2.2 The Theory of Human Capital: From the model to estimates
2.3 Evaluation of the Returns to Education
   2.3.1 A model of the effects of Education on Earnings
   2.3.2 Identifying the Causal Effect of Education
   2.3.3 A review of recent empirical studies

Topic 3: Immigration Economics
3.1 Introduction
3.2 Immigrant Performance in the host country: Assimilation and Cohort Effects
3.3 The Decision to Immigrate: The Roy Model
3.4 Immigration and the host country’s economy: A simple model and Empirical Evidence

Topic 4: Race and Gender in the Labor Market
4.1 Differences in labor market outcomes and background characteristics
4.2 Theories of Marked Discrimination
4.3 Empirical approach: Direct and Indirect Evidence

Reading list:
Books:
Papers for Presentations:

**Topic 1:**

**Topic 2:**

**Topic 3:**

**Topic 4:**
References:

**Topic 1:**
- Cahuc & Zylberberg, Labour Economics, 2004 (Chapter 1)

**Topic 2:**
- Kane, T. and C.E. Rouse (1993): “Labor Market returns to two- and four-year colleges: is a credit a credit and do degrees matter?”, NBER working paper 4268
Topic 3:

**Topic 4:**
Topics covered include wage and employment determination, immigration, unemployment, equalizing differences, among many others. There is a particular emphasis on the interaction between theoretical and empirical modeling. Companies like Uber and Lyft have dramatically changed the landscape of labor economics in the transportation industry. The economics of ride-sharing are covered in the first half of the course. (Image by Núcleo Editorial on flickr. License: CC BY.) Review and cite LABOR ECONOMICS protocol, troubleshooting and other methodology information | Contact experts in LABOR ECONOMICS to get answers. Labor Economics - Science topic. This group is intended to spread ideas and share knowledge about labour markets and labour economics among its members. Questions (87). Publications (18,336). Questions related to Labor Economics. Sara Koskelo asked a question related to Labor Economics. What model/theoretical framework could I use? Question. Labor economics is the study of the labor force as an element in the process of production. The labor force comprises all those who work for gain within the labor market, whether as employees, employers, or as self-employed, but also the unemployed, who are seeking work. Labor economics involves the study of all that affects these workers before, during, and after their working lives, for example, childcare, education, pay and incentives, fertility, discrimination, their non-work time, and pension reforms. Labor markets function through the interaction of workers and employers and can be bound lecture oecd and recent uk labour markets labour economics homework studies are very useful: they are marked every week office hour: 10 am monday, 10 am. Topics 1-4, 6, 8. University. University of Nottingham. Module. Labour Economics. Uploaded by Alexander Henry. Labour economics, study of the labour force as an element in the process of production. The labour force comprises all those who work for gain, whether as employees, employers, or as self-employed, and it includes the unemployed who are seeking work. But there is much in labour that can be understood only with the aid of the psychologist, the sociologist, the historian, the labour lawyer, or the political scientist. Depending upon both the circumstances and the purpose for which the explanation is required, it is an empirical question how far the forces that these scientists study might interact with the market forces that are the special province of the economist.