

Labor Economics

Course Syllabus

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Course description:

This course aims at providing students with the basic tools necessary for the analysis and understanding of the functioning of the labor market. It will introduce theoretical models, review empirical evidence and analyze some relevant policies. We will start with the definitions and analysis of the labor supply, labor demand and equilibrium in the labor market. We will then proceed to the discussion of human capital and skills, labor mobility and migration. Throughout the course numerical exercises will be performed.

Prerequisites:

Basic knowledge of microeconomics and microeconometrics.

References:

Borjas, G.J. Labor Economics. McGraw-Hill-Irwin, 7th ed, 2016.

Additional material will include statistical data from the Eurostat, OECD, ILO and other sources, as well as different papers and reports.

Course Outline:

1. Introduction: what is labor economics, why is it important. Review of the basic statistical and regression analysis. (Chapter 1) – 1 hour
2. Labor Supply (Chapter 2) – 6 hours
3. Labor Demand (Chapter 3) – 4 hours
4. Labor Market Equilibrium (Chapter 4) – 6 hours
5. Human Capital (Chapter 6) – 4 hours
6. Labor Mobility and Migration (Chapter 8); Migration in the EU – 6 hours
7. Wrapping-Up, discussion and preparations for the exam – 1 hour

TOTAL: 28 hours