

ECO-945 Advanced Topics in Labor Economics

Course Description:

This course covers modern topics in labor economics such as moral hazard, adverse selection, matching, and intrinsic motivation, to name just a few examples. We present applications of mainstream micro models and investigate the empirical relevance of these applications. An important emphasis will be given to research method. In each session, we investigate how micro-theory has been applied to address specific labor issues, review the predictions of the theory, and assess how these predictions have been tested.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the course, students should be able to

- understand developments in labor economics such as personnel economics, performance incentives, and pro-social behavior.
- conduct research in labor economics, focusing on a specific set of issues that varies from year to year.
- examine the way in which workers organize to structure and regulate the labor market

Recommended Books

Acemoglu, Daron. Lecture notes for graduate labor economics.

Botlon and Dewatripont (2004). Contract Theory. The MIT Press.

Salanie, B. (1997). The Economics of Contracts: A Primer, MIT Press.