

EC991 Topics in Applied Microeconomics

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Course outline

Introduction

- Quantitative Methods: Econometrics A & B
 - introduction to econometric tools
- Topics in Applied Microeconomics
 - follow up of Quantitative Methods
 - this module has a practical flavor, emphasis on applications.
 - we will build up on your knowledge of **econometrics** and **economic theory** in order to tackle a number of relevant empirical questions.
 - the objective of the module is to prepare students to be **consumers** and, hopefully, **producers** of empirical research

Structure of the module

The module will be a combination of:

① Main lectures

- relevant topics that were not covered in Quantitative Methods (e.g. multiple testing, small samples...)

② Presentations and discussions of research papers by students

- papers using the microeconomic techniques covered in the 1st term (i.e. no macro or structural papers)
- Education, Economic History, Labor, Innovation and Intellectual Property, Economic Geography/Urban Economics, Culture and Religion, Environment, Health Economics.

Presentation and Discussion of Research Paper

- Each student will:
 - present the **summary of a research paper** (20-25 min. presentation)
 - prepare a **short discussion** (5 min.) of another paper
- We will try to assign you two papers (one for presentation and one for discussion) that fit your research interests
 - Recently published in a top 5, in a top field, or recent working papers that will probably end up in a good journal
- These papers are intended to be:
 - useful for understanding the challenges of empirical research
 - informative about what the profession is currently doing
 - useful for master thesis...

Grading

- Coursework (50%)
 - class presentation (40%)
 - class participation and discussion (10%).
- Final exam (50%)