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Topics in Labor Economics (5ER2041)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Master en économie appliquée	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	3

ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Automne

Equipe enseignante

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The course provides students with empirical research experience through the reading of selected articles on specific topics in Labour Economics. The course aims to help students to review these articles, with particular emphasis on the research question, data source(s), empirical methods, results and their immediate implications. The reading list will be announced in the first lecture. The course syllabus will also be made available on MOODLE.

Forme de l'évaluation

Grading is based on a class presentation (30%) and a 2-hour written exam during the end-of-semester exam session (70%).

Each class session will be devoted to the discussion of one or two articles. Students are encouraged to read all articles carefully before each session. Students will be required to select one article from the reading list and present it in class. Each presentation will be assigned during the first lecture.

Exams cover the full range of topics covered in class, including suggested readings and handouts.

No documents, smartphones, or online items are allowed during the exam (with the exception of a non-programmable calculator and a non-electronic dictionary). Any violation of these rules will be considered cheating and will result in the withdrawal of unauthorized items and possible failure of the exam.

Modalités de rattrapage

Students must register for the retake exam if they fail the course. They must take the written exam again (100% of the final grade).

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Documentation

The reading list will be distributed at the beginning of the course and posted on MOODLE.

Pré-requis

It is recommended that students have completed at least one master's level course in econometrics, such as Applied Microeconometrics or Applied Macroeconometrics.

No distinction will be made between MScAPEC students and others in the evaluation criteria.

Forme de l'enseignement

The course takes the form of a seminar. It makes extensive use of interactive teaching, based on prior reading and active student participation in class.

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Objectifs d'apprentissage

Au terme de la formation l'étudiant-e doit être capable de :

- Formulate the added value, limitations, and caveats of existing research
- Describe the research questions, empirical strategies, and results of an empirical study
- Interpret empirical results
- Communicate empirical results to an audience
- Explain an empirical strategy in plain language
- Recognise which econometric method is appropriate for (causal) identification
- Extract relevant information from scientific articles
- Indicate the advantages and disadvantages of the empirical methods
- Criticise empirical strategies
- Identify the relevant data source(s) to answer research question(s)

Compétences transférables

- Carry out a critical analysis
- Manage a research project
- Generate new ideas (creativity)