Advanced Labor Economics

This course gives an overview of the field of Labor Economics. Its aim is to acquaint students with traditional topics in labor economics and to encourage the development of research interest in this field. The course covers both theoretical models as well as empirical applications. Solid basic background in microeconomics and econometrics is required.

Structure

During the lectures, students will be introduced to the theoretical concepts of the topics listed below. During the tutorials, students will be familiarized empirical applications related to the different topics. This allows students to get a deeper understanding of particular issues, and to give them the opportunity to get acquainted with, and discuss, current research topics and results.

Topics

1 Labor Supply
2 Labor Demand
3 Unemployment
4 Human Capital
5 Compensating Wage Differentials
6 Discrimination – Gender Economics
7 Work, Family and Child Development

Basic Reading

Cahuc, P., and A. Zylberberg: Labor Economics, MIT Press, 2004 (thereafter CZ)
Angrist, Joshua and Stephen Pischke (2009), Mostly Harmless Econometrics, Princeton University Press, Princeton and Oxford

Grading

Grading will be based on a final examination.