Prerequisites to Enroll

The participants of this course should be familiar with the basic concepts of statistics and econometrics that are usually covered in an undergraduate degree in economics. Having followed the econometric methods course in the first term of the year will also be useful.

Overview and Objectives

This course provides an overview of the key concepts in the economics of immigration. It is divided into two parts. The first part consists of 4 lectures in which we will cover the basic theoretical models. The second part will be seminar style. Each seminar will consist of an overview of the specific topic given by me, and presentations given by the students. For this purpose, students will team up in pairs and prepare a presentation and brief report about one of the key papers in the relevant literature.

Course Outline

Part 1: Lectures
1. Introduction, Background and History
2. The Migration Decision and Forms of Migration
3. The Effect of Immigration on Wages and Employment
4. The Effect of Immigration on the Industry Structure and Technology

Part 2: Seminars
1. Immigration and Economic Development
2. Immigration and Assimilation
3. Estimating the Labour Market Impact of Immigration (Part 1)
4. Estimating the Labour Market Impact of Immigration (Part 2)
5. The Effect of Immigration on Prices, Housing and Crime
6. Illegal Immigration, Ethnic Segregation and Attitudes to Immigration

Required Activities

Class presentation and submission of written report (in groups).

Evaluation

Class presentations (50%) and referee reports (50%).
Competences

To (be able to) communicate with determination and in the English Language, the results and implications of the required analytical study using a language that the receiver can relate to.

To work within a heterogeneous team of researchers as economic analyst using specific group techniques.

To possess and understand the knowledge that provides a basis or opportunity to be original in the development and / or application of ideas, often in a research context.

That students know how to apply the acquired knowledge and their ability to solve problems in new or unfamiliar environments within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to their field of study.

That the students be able to integrate knowledge and face the complexity of making judgments based on information that, being incomplete or limited, include reflections on the social and ethical responsibilities linked to the application of their knowledge and judgments.

That the students be able to communicate their conclusions and the knowledge and the ultimate reasons that sustain them to both, specialized and non-specialized publics in a clear and unambiguous way.

That students possess the learning skills that allow them to continue studying in a way that will be largely self-directed or autonomous.

To identify and apply the insights of the theory, the models, and the analytical tools of modern economy to its global dimension.

Understand and apply the economics of international trade and finance and economic development.

To understand and apply the quantitative methods used to solve complex problems of the economy.

To evaluate, with theoretical and quantitative instruments, the complex realities of the economy to understand the way it works.

Learning Outcomes

Deep knowledge of the economics of international trade, finance and development.

Applies economic concepts to economic pressure policy problems related to growth, economic stability and poverty.
Analyze economic data rigorously.

Materials

There is no single textbook this course follows. We will use a variety of journal articles and working papers throughout the course which should all be available on the internet, for example through JSTOR. The following reading list is quite extensive – though certainly not exhaustive – and not all papers are equally relevant. I have marked a few key references in bold.

General Reading

Bodvarsson, Ö. and H. van den Berg (2009), The Economics of Immigration – Theory and Policy, Berlin Heidelberg: Springer.


The Migration Decision


Forms of Migration


The Effect of Immigration on Wages and Employment


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Economics of Migration


The Effect of Immigration on the Industry Structure and Technology


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The Effect of Immigration on Prices, Housing and Crime


Economics of Migration


Immigration and Assimilation


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Economics of Migration


Immigration and Economic Development


Economics of Migration


Illegal Immigration, Network Effects and Ethnic Segregation


Yoshida, C. and A. D. Woodland (2005), The Economics of Illegal Immigration, Palgrave Macmillan.

**Attitudes to Immigration**


