

Seminar in the Economics of Labor Market Policy

Economics 480

Section: D100

Term: 2014 Spring

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Discussion Topics: This course provides an introduction to empirical analysis of labour market policies. We will cover a range of popular empirical techniques, including fixed effects models, differences-in-differences estimators, instrumental variables and regression discontinuity. Student will learn to critically evaluate published empirical papers in the economics of labour market policy.

Grading: Grades will be calculated according to the following weights: Participation 25%, Presentations 40%, Final exam or proposal for research paper 35%.

Required Texts: None

Recommended Texts: Any good undergraduate textbook that has been used recently in BUEC 333.

Materials/Supplies: None

Prerequisite/Corequisite: BUEC 333 and ECON 381.

Notes:

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