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Course description

The first theme of the course focuses on health and nutrition.

The grade is determined by a presentation/discussion (40%) and an exam (60%). You will be arbitrarily separated into nine groups including two or three members. A working paper will be assigned to each group. While one member presents the paper (20 minutes), the other member(s) discusses the paper (15 minutes).

Reading List

*Behrman, Jere and Anil Deolalikar. (1988). "Health and Nutrition," Chapter 14 in Handbook of Development Economics Vol. 1 (Chenery, Hollis and T. N. Srinivasan, eds).

*Strauss, John and Duncan Thomas. (2008). "Health over the Life Course," Chapter 54 in Handbook of Development Economics Vol. 4 (Schultz, T. Paul and John A. Strauss, eds).

Edwards, R. (2013). "If my blood pressure is high, do I take it to heart? Behavioral impacts of biomarker collection in the health and retirement study" NBER Working Paper 19311.

Fletcher, J. and S. Ross (2012). "Estimating the effects of friendship networks on health behaviors of adolescents" NBER Working Paper 18253.

Mocan, N., C. Raschke and B. Unel (2013). "The impact of mothers' earnings on health inputs and infant health" NBER Working Paper 19434.

Oster, E., I. Sjoulsen and E. Dorsey (2012). "Limited life expectancy, human capital and health investments: Evidence from Huntington disease" NBER Working Paper 17931.

Liu, H. and Z. Zhao (2012) "Impact of China's urban resident basic medical insurance on health care utilization and expenditure" IZA Discussion Paper 6768.

Mu, R. and A. de Brauw (2013) "Migration and young child nutrition: Evidence from rural China" IZA Discussion Paper 7466.

Lechner, M. and P. Downward (2013) "Heterogeneous sports participation and labor market outcomes in England" IZA Discussion Paper 7690.

Giuntella, O. (2013) "Why does the health of immigrants deteriorate? Evidence from birth records" IZA Discussion Paper 7588.

Adena, M. and M. Myck (2013) "Poverty and transitions in health" IZA Discussion Paper 7532.