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1. Course description. This is a graduate level course in the Economics of Health. The emphasis will be on acquiring a set of tools and a framework within which to organize empirical analysis. In this course, we will focus on decisions made by household members and the market for health insurance. The course will also have relevance for students interested in broader empirical microeconomic research.
2. **Prerequisites**: A semester of graduate level microeconomics. Graduate econometrics, both theoretical and applied, will be highly useful.
3. **Required readings.** There is not a standard textbook, though we do include a non-technical volume that provides contextual background of the issues and literature, and North Holland Handbooks and *JEL* surveys will be useful. Rather, the course consists of 37 required readings, which each student is expected to cover thoroughly, with an eye to content, theory, model, and econometric technique. There are many papers by Nobel Laureates on the reading list.

4. **Honor code and course policies.** Failure to acknowledge assistance on an assignment, or to cite a source of information used in an assignment, or to represent the work of others as your own, constitutes a violation of the University's honor code. Any violations may result in failure of the assignment or the course, or expulsion from the University. Any exam missed for a non-legitimate reason will be accorded the grade of 0. Any exam missed for a legitimate reason will be made up with an oral exam as soon as it can be scheduled by EcoTeach. Late work will be penalized by 1/3 grade point per day late (excluding Sundays). Presentation notes must be posted on Blackboard at least 24 hours prior to the class at which the presentation will take place.

5. **Grading and assignments**. The grades will be determined as weighted averages of exams, presentations, and a 15-page research proposal:

Class participation 10%

In-class presentations and supporting notes (2-3 per student) 20%

Research proposal 25%

Midterm examination 20%

Final examination 25%

To enhance the efficiency of class presentations, each presenter is expected to prepare a handout for distribution to the entire class. The handout should contain pertinent aspects of the formal presentation to avoid having to write out lots of equations in class. Even if you are not a presenter, you are expected to have read the article in detail before class. We will provide a list of questions on each article prior to class. These questions are designed to provide some guidance for your reading and will be discussed in class by all participants. Our hope is that the presenter will make critical analytical comments as well as simply presenting the paper, and that other students will be prepared to discuss the article. At times, we will provide brief background lectures on related literature.

Our intention is to provoke discussion, and for the presenter to discuss new techniques, modeling approaches, data sets, and findings, as well as to discuss shortcomings. At times, we will help by providing general background notes from earlier readings that can be incorporated, so that the presenters can emphasize critical points rather than slowly going through the model (and spending lots of time writing it up).

1. **Course readings**

**Text**: Frank Sloan and Hirschel Kasper, Eds., 2008, *Incentives & Choices in Health Care*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

1. Introduction

[1] Becker, Gary, Tomas Philipson, and Rodrigo Soares, 2005, “The quantity and quality of life and the evolution of world inequality,” *American Economic Review* **95**(1): 277-291. August 31 (Becker)

1. Demand for Medical Care

Text: Gilleskie, Donna, “Health capital: theory and empirical evidence” in Sloan & Kasper, Ch. 3. August 31 (Sloan)

Text: Newhouse, Joseph and Anna Sinaiko, “What we know and don’t know about the effects of cost-sharing on the demand for medical care – and so what?” in Sloan & Kasper, Ch. 4. August 31 (Sloan)

[2] Grossman, M. 1972, “On the concept of health capital and the demand for health,” *Journal of Political Economy* **82**: 233-255. September 7 (Zhou, Bo)

[3] Manning, W., J. Newhouse, N. Duan, E. Keeler, A. Leibowitz, and M. Marquis. 1987. “Health insurance and the demand for medical care: Evidence from a randomized experiment,” *American Economic Review* **77**: 251-277. September 7 (Aaron Kearsley)

[4] Viscusi, K. and W. Evans. 1990. “Utility functions that depend on health status: Estimates and economic implications,” *American Economic Review* 80: 353-374. September 14 (Brett Matsumoto)

[5] Cohen, Jessica and Pascaline Dupas, 2010 (February), “Free distribution or cost-sharing? Evidence from a randomized malaria prevention experiment,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* **125**(1): 1-45. September 14 (Riha Vaidya)

[6] DeNardi, M., E. French, and J.B. Jones, 2010, “Why Do the Elderly Save? The Role of Medical Expenses,” *Journal of Political Economy* **118**(1): 39-75. H September 14 (Julia Jia Yao)

## Health Production

[7] Kremer, M. 1996. “Integrating behavioral choice into epidemiological models of AIDS.” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* **111**(2): 549-573. September 21 (Aleks Andreev)

[8] Kremer, Michael and Miguel, Edward, 2007, “The illusion of sustainability,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* **122**(3): 1007-1065. September 21 (Ouyang, Fu)

[9] Jayanandran, Seema and Adriana Lleras-Muney, 2009, “Life expectancy and human capital investments: evidence from maternal mortality declines,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* **124**(1): 349-397. September 28 (Forrest Spence)

[10] Almond, Douglas, Joseph Doyle, Jr., Amanda Kowalski, and Heidi Williams, 2010 (May), “Estimating marginal returns to medical care: evidence from at-risk newborns,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* **125**(2): 591-634. September 28 **(Jeff Federspiel)**

[11] Chou, S-Y, J-T Liu, M. Grossman, and T. Joyce, 2010, “Parental Education and Child Health: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Taiwan,” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics.* **2**(1): 53-61. September 28 (Zhu Wenjia)

[12] Field, E., O. Robles, and M. Torero, 2009, “Iodine Deficiency and Schooling Attainment in Tanzania,” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* **1**(4): 140-169. September 28 (Didem Pekkumaz)

## Health Insurance

Text: Pauly, Mark, “Adverse selection and moral hazard: implications for health insurance markets” in Sloan & Kasper, Ch. 5. October 5

Overview: Finkelstein, Amy, Erzo F. P. Luttmer, and Matthew J. Notowidigdo, 2009, "Approaches to estimating the health state dependence of the utility function." *American Economic Review*, 99(2): 116–21. October 5

[13] Rothschild, M. and F. Stiglitz. 1976. “Equilibrium in competitive insurance markets: An essay on the economics of imperfect information,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 90(4): 630-699. October 5 (Ouyang, Fu)

[14] Vera-Hernandez, Marcos. 2003. "Structural Estimation of a Principal Agent Model: Moral Hazard in Medical Insurance," *Rand Journal of Economics*, 34(4), pp. 670-693. October 19 (Aleks Andreev)

October 12 Fall Break

Midterm Examination (take-home) Oct 6-19 due in class Oct 19

[16] Gertler, Paul and Jonathan Gruber. 2002. “Insuring consumption against illness,” *American Economic Review* **92**(1): March 2002, 51-70. **October 19 (Frank Sloan)**

[17] Fang, Hanming, Michael Keane, and Dan Silverman, 2008 (April), “Sources of advantageous selection: evidence from the Medigap insurance market,” *Journal of Political Economy* **116**(2): 303-350. **October 19 (Riha Vaidya)**

[18] Finkelstein, Amy, 2007, “The aggregate effects of health insurance: evidence from the introduction of Medicare,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* **122**(1): 1-37. **October 26** (Zhu Wenjia)

[19] Philipson, T. J., and G. S. Becker, 1998, “Longevity and Mortality-Contingent Claims, *Journal of Political Economy,* 106(3): 551-73. **October 26** (Aaron Kearsley)

[20] Chandra, A., J. Gruber, and R. McKnight, 2010, “Patient Cost Sharing and Hospitalization Offsets in the Elderly,” *American Economic Review* **100**(1): 193-213. **October 26 (Jeff Federspiel)**

## Addiction

Text: Cawley, John, “*Reefer Madness*, Frank the Tank, or *Pretty Woman*: to what extent do addictive behaviors respond to incentives?” in Sloan & Kasper, Ch. 7. November 2 **(Frank Sloan)**

[21] Becker, G. S. and K. Murphy. 1988. “A theory of rational addiction.” *Journal of Political Economy* 96, 675-700. November 2 (Ouyang, Fu)

[22] Gruber, J. and B. Koszegi. 2001. “Is addiction “rational”? Theory and evidence,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* **116**(4): 1264-1303**.** November 2 (Julia Jia Yao)

[23] Currie, J., S. Della Vigna, E. Moretti, and V. Pathania, 2010. “The Effect of Fast Food Restaurants on Obesity and Weight Gain,” *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* **2**(3): 32-63. November 9 (Forrest Spence)

[24] Carpenter, C. and C. Dobkin, 2009, “The Effect of Alcohol Consumption on Mortality: Regression Discontinuity Evidence from the Minimum Drinking Age,” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*. **1**(1): 164-182. November 9 (Brett Matsumoto)

## The Great Transitions, Patterns of Health, and the impact of nutrition

[25] Case, Ann and Christina Paxson, 2008 (June), “Stature and status: height, ability, and labor market outcomes,” *Journal of Political Economy* **116**(3): 599-632. November 9 (Didem Pekkumaz)

[15] Card, David, Carlos Dobkin, and Nicole Maestas, 2009, “Does Medicare save lives?” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* **124**(2): 597-636. **November 16 (Brett Matsumoto)**

[26] Dow, William, Tomas Philipson, and Xavier Sala-i-Martin, 1999, “Longevity complementarities under competing risks,” *American Economic Review* **89**(5): 1358-1371. November 16 (Aaron Kearsley)

[27] Galiani, Sebastian, Paul Gertler, and Ernesto Schargrodsky, 2005, “Water for life: the impact of privatization of water services on child mortality,” *Journal of Political Economy* **113**(1): 83-120. November 16 (Riha Vaidya)

[28] Bell, Clive, Shantayanan Devarajan, and Hans Gersbach, 2006, “The long-run economic costs of AIDS: a model with an application to South Africa,” *World Bank Economic Review* **20**(1): 55-89. November 23 (Aleks Andreev)

[29] Johnston, Deborah, 2008, “Bias, not error: assessments of the economic impact of HIV/AIDS using evidence from micro studies in sub-Saharan Africa,” *Feminist Economics* **14**(4): 87-115. November 23 (Charles Becker) [reading not required]

[30] Meng, Xin and Nancy Qian, 2006, “The long run health and economic consequences of famine on survivors: evidence from China’s great famine,” Canberra: Australian National University RSPAS working paper. November 23 (Zhu Wenjia)

[31] Bleakley, H., 2010, “Malaria Exposure in the Americas: A Retrospective Analysis of Childhood Exposure,” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* **2(2):**1-45. November 23 (Julia Jia Yao)

[32] Jayachandran, S, A. Lleras-Muney, and K.V. Smith, 2010, “Modern Medicine and the Twentieth Century Decline in Mortality: Evidence on the Impact of Sulfa Drugs,” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* **2**(2): 118-146. November 30 (Didem Pekkumaz)

[33] Miller,G. and B. P. Urdinola, “Cyclicality, Mortality, and the Value of Time: The Case of Coffee Price Fluctuations and Child Survival in Columbia, *Journal of Political Economy*, **118**(1): 113-155. November 30 (Forrest Spence)

## Health & Economic Development

[34] Acemoglu, Daron and Simon Johnson, 2007 (December), “Disease and development: the effect of life expectancy on economic growth,” *Journal of Political Economy* **115**(6): 925-985.

[35] Hall, Robert and Charles Jones, 2007, “The value of life and the rise in health spending,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* **122**(1): 39-72. November 30 (Jeff Federspiel)

[36] Weil, David, 2007, “Accounting for the effect of health on economic growth,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* **122**(3): 1265-1306.

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