Immigration Economics
Economics 980u, Fall 2012
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Prerequisites: Intermediate microeconomic theory, statistics, and econometrics (concurrent enrollment in econometrics is sufficient)

Texts: Course readings available on-line

Overview: There has been a resurgence of large-scale international migration in the past few decades. This course explores the economic determinants and consequences of these population flows. Specific topics include the study of how immigrants are non-randomly selected from the population of the countries of origin, the measurement and implications of economic assimilation in the receiving country, the impact of the flows on the labor markets of both receiving and sending countries, and the calculation of the economic benefits from immigration. Note: A research paper will be required.
Grading: Assignments 30%
Paper milestones 10%
Final paper 40%
Class participation 20%

Assignments: There will be 8 weekly assignments to facilitate classroom discussion of the weekly readings. These assignments will count towards your grade.

Paper milestones: There will be occasional short assignments to ensure that you are making progress on your final course paper. These including handing in a paper topic, handing in a bibliography, and a short presentation of your project during one of the last two weeks of class.

Paper topic due: October 10, 2012
Bibliography due: October 24, 2012

Final paper: The final paper is due on December 17, 2012.

Class participation: Students are expected to provide feedback both on the material covered in the lectures and on the paper presentations made by your classmates.
### ECONOMICS 980u
### SCHEDULE OF COURSE MEETINGS

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**READINGS**

**Week 2 (September 12)**

**Economic assimilation: How do immigrants do in the receiving country?**


**Week 3 (September 19)**

**Self-selection: Who moves?**


**Week 4 (September 26)**

**Labor market impact and benefits: Theory**


**Week 5 (October 3)**

**Estimating the labor market impact: Descriptive methods**


**Week 6 (October 10)**

**Estimating the labor market impact: Structural methods**


**Week 7 (October 17)**

**Reconciling spatial and national results**


**Week 8 (October 24)**

**High skill immigration and human capital externalities**


**Week 9 (October 31)**

**Social mobility: The children of immigrants**


**Week 10 (November 7)**

**Class presentations of student projects**

**Week 11 (November 14)**

**Class presentations of student projects**
Week 12 (November 21)
NO CLASS—THANKSGIVING

Week 13 (November 28)
Class presentations of student projects