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Topics in Health Economics

Friday 9:00-12:00

The Small Classroom at Wanzhong Building

Course Description

Health, as an important dimension of human capital, has rapidly gained prominence in economics. This is a course in the economics of health. Topics will cover cutting-edge theory and empirical research on health capital, health behaviors, and impact factors of health including socio-economic status, health insurance, health utilization and health institutions.

Grading:

The course grade will depend on class participation and a term paper. The paper will be an empirical research on a subject related to health in China.

Topics Covered:

1. Human Capital
2. Health Behaviors
3. Social Economic Status and Health
4. Fetal Origin Hypothesis
5. Health over Time and Around the World
6. Disease and Development
7. Health System
8. Health Reform: International and China
9. Optimal Health Insurance
10. Health Insurance, Utilization and Health
11. Selection
12. Health Insurance and Labor Markets
13. Productivity Analysis
14. Medical Care Markets

Course Materials:

There will be a list of articles that are related to each topic, which will be progressively distributed during the semester.