Health Economics

Course Description
This is a half-credit course in health economics. We will survey topics on the demand-side of health economics. Major topics to be covered include the demand for health, the determinants of health, the relationship between early-life health and later-life health and economic outcomes, and the economics of health-related behaviors.

Grading
(20%) Active Participation

(80%) Your Choice of Either (i) or (ii)

(i) Empirical Project
- You can use any data set of your choice
- April 29
  - A brief description of the research question you will address, how it contributes to the relevant literature, and the data set and empirical strategy you plan to use
- Each of you is expected to work on a different empirical project
- May 13
  - A short research note of 2000 words is due; follow the rubric provided by Economics Letters in structuring your paper

(ii) Referee Report
- April 29
  - E-mail me your general and specific areas of research interest
  - I will assign you a set of papers, which will be related to topics on this syllabus and broadly reflect your research interest areas
  - You can select any one of the papers I propose
- May 13
  - Your write-up of a referee report is due
Papers

I. Introduction

Arrow, K (1963) “Uncertainty and the Welfare Economics of Medical Care” American Economic Review


II. The Demand for Health


III. The Determinants of Health

Education and Health


Clark, D and H Royer (Forthcoming) “The Effect of Education on Adult Health and Mortality: Evidence from Britain”, American Economic Review


Health Endowment


Black, S, P Devereux and KG Salvanes (2007) “From the Cradle to the Labor Market? The Effect of Birth Weight on Adult Outcomes”, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*


*The Intergenerational Transmission of Health*


*Health—Environment Interactions in the Production of Later Health*


Income and Health


IV. Economics of Health-Related Behaviors


