

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Sel Topics - Topics in Advanced Macroeconomics**

Course Number and Section:

ECONOMICS

4491F 550

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Course Description:

This seminar course will introduce students to household portfolio analysis, an area of research that is of great interest to researchers in economics and finance alike. The assigned course readings will provide empirical evidence on household portfolios across a number of countries for comparative analysis. These empirical findings will be examined along two dimensions: participation decision and portfolio allocation. Our discussions will also reflect the special emphasis placed on various demographic groups in the literature.

Learning Outcomes:

To introduce students to an active area of research and the related literature in modern macroeconomics

To build and develop skills necessary to conduct economic research and to effectively communicate the results

To apply these skills to the production of a research project

Textbooks and Course Materials:

There is no required textbook for the course. A list of assigned readings will be posted on the course OWL site.

A useful reference text is: Household Portfolios, edited by Luigi Guiso, Michael Haliassos, and Tullio Jappelli, MIT Press, 2002.

Methods Of Evaluation:

| Assignment | Due Date mm/dd/yy | Weight - % |
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| Presentation of a journal article | TBD | 20 |
| Paper proposal | TBD | 10 |

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| Progress report | TBD | 5 |
| Midterm | TBD | 25 |
| Paper and presentation | TBD | 40 |

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