

ECON 4350: Growth and Investment

Course information

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1 Lecturers

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2 Exam

There will be a three hour written **exam on May 16th** (14:30-17:30). This will be a closed book exam testing 1) the student's understanding of the central theories and their ability to employ the core models for analysis of given questions, 2) the student's knowledge of the basic empirical facts about the phenomena being studied, 3) the student's ability to critically assess the relevance and credibility of the different theories discussed.

3 Term paper

There will be a compulsory term paper. The paper will be evaluated according to a pass/non-pass criterion. Deadlines will be announced on the course web page.

4 Syllabus

The syllabus is determined by a reading list and the lectures. Not all entries on the reading list are equally important. Some are required reading and a thorough knowledge of these are required for the exam. Others are secondary reading, where only knowledge of the main arguments and findings will be required at the exam. For some entries some sections of the articles can be skipped, further specifications will be given in due time.

4.1 Access to items on the reading list

Except for the main book (Barro and Sala-i-Martin, 2004), all articles and chapters on the reading list will be made available as downloadable PDFs or handed out as copies in class. See the course website.

5 Lectures and seminars

Participation is voluntary, but strongly encouraged. Since the topics will be covered by a somewhat fragmented syllabus, self-study can be hard and inefficient.

There will be a total of 10 seminars. Seminars will be used for exercises, presentation of papers by students, and to cover some topics falling outside the regular lectures.

5.1 Time and place

Lectures will be held on Wednesdays 14.15-16.00 in Auditorium 5 Eilert Sundts hus Seminars will be held on Fridays 14:15 -16:00 at Seminarrom 201 Harriet Holters hus

5.2 Plan of lectures (subject to changes)

17.1	KB	1. Lecture	Topics 1+2
24.1	KB	2. Lecture	Topics 3
31.1	KB	3. Lecture	Topic 4
7.2	KB	4. Lecture	Topic 5
14.2	KB	5. Lecture	Topic 5
21.2	KB	6. Lecture	Topics 6
28.2	MG	7. Lecture	Topics 7
7.3	MG	8. Lecture	Topics 8
14.3	MG	9. Lecture	Topic 9
21.3	KB	10. Lecture	Topics 10
Week 13: no teaching, week 14: Easter			
11.4	KB	11. Lecture	Topic 11,12
18.4	KB	12. Lecture	Topic 13
25.4	MG	13. Lecture	Topic 14
2.5	MG	14. Lecture	Topics 15
9.5	MG	15. Lecture	Topic 16,17

Topics refer to the sections in the course outline. KB: Kåre Bævre, MG: Mads Greaker.

Note that there is no teaching in week 13. This period will primarily be used to write the term paper.

5.3 Seminars

Seminars will be used to supplement lectures both in breadth and depth. The organization of the seminars will differ from time to time. Exercises will be given to every seminar. Usually these will be discussed, but not done. Doing the exercises is strongly encouraged. Groups of students will be given assignments such as reading an article and presenting a summary to the rest of class, or undergoing and presenting their own empirical investigations. It is important that all prepare for seminars and take an active part in the discussion.

The first seminar is 2/2. Information concerning the individual seminars will be given during class and announced at the courses' website.