



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Business, Economics and Design

School of Business and Economics

4NA001 International Migration, 7,5 högskolepoäng

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Main field of study

Economics

Subject Group

Economics

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1N

Date of Ratification

Approved by Organisational Committee 2009-11-30

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2010

Prerequisites

To be admitted to the course it is required to have 90 Swedish credit points in economics and at least two of the following courses: NA3103/NAF301 Intermediate Macroeconomics, 7,5 Swedish credit points, NA4093/NAF 302 Intermediate Microeconomics, 7,5 Swedish credit points, NA3073 Mathematical Economics II, 7,5 Swedish credit points.

Objectives

The objectives of the course are to bring knowledge about the present level of international migration, the economic causes of international migration, the economic effects of international migration and the immigrants' economic assimilation in the host country. Besides the course will give knowledge about methods to investigate these causes and effects and the economic assimilation of the immigrants.

Content

The course includes the following parts:

- Description of level of international migration
- The economic causes of international migration
- The economic effects of international migration such as the fiscal effects, the effects on relative factor prices and the effects on economic growth

- The immigrants' adaption to the host country's labour markets. How will the immigrants' employment, occupational career and income develop over time?

Type of Instruction

Lectures and seminars.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

Written examination and writing a paper

The grades are Pass with Distinction (80% -100%), Pass (60% -79%) or Failure (0% -59%).

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

Part 1:

Borjas, G.J., *Immigration and welfare magnets* (1999) *Journal of Labor Economics*, 17 (4), 607–637

Pedersen, P.J., Pytlikova, M. & Smith, N., *Selection or network effects? Migration flows to 27 OECD countries 1990-2000*(2004), IZA Discussion Paper No. 1104.

Zimmermann, K.F. *Tackling the European migration problem* (2004) *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 45–62

Part 2:

Chiswick, B.R. *The effect of Americanization on the earnings of foreign-born men* (1978) *Journal of Political Economy*, 86 (5), 879–921

Borjas, G.J. *Assimilation, changes in cohort quality, and the earnings of immigrants* (1985) *Journal of Labor Economics*, 3 (4), 463–489

Chiswick, B.R. *Is the new immigration less skilled than the old?* (1986) *Journal of Labor Economics*.

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Hammarstedt, M. *Income from work among immigrants in Sweden* (2003) *Review of Income and Wealth*, 49, 185–203.

Hammarstedt, M. & Shukur, G, "*Immigrants" relative earnings in Sweden – a cohort analysis*(2006) *Labour*, 20, 285–323.

Dustmann, C. and Fabbri, F. *Language proficiency and labour market performance of immigrants in the UK* (2003) *Economic Journal*, 113, 695–717.

Part 3:

Bertrand, M. and Mullainathan, S. *Are Emelie and Gregg more employable than Lakisha and Jamal? A field experiment on labor market discrimination*(2004) *American Economic Review*, 94, 991–1013.

Yinger, J. *Measuring racial discrimination with fair housing audits: caught in the act* (1986) *American Economic Review*, 76 (5), 881–893.

Edin, P.-A., Fredriksson, P. & Åslund, O. *Settlement policies and the economic success of immigrants* (2004) *Journal of Population Economics*, 17 (1), 133–156.

Ahmed, A.M. and Hammarstedt, M. *Discrimination in the housing market – a field experiment on the Internet* (2008) *Journal of Urban Economics*, Forthcoming.

Fairlie, R.W. and Meyer, B.D. *Ethnic and racial self-employment differences and possible explanations* (1996) *Journal of Human Resources*, 16 (4), 757–793.

Hammarstedt, M. *The predicted earnings differential and immigrant self-employment in Sweden* (2006) *Applied Economics*, 38, 619–630.

Hammarstedt, M. & Shukur, G. *Testing the home-country self-employment hypothesis on immigrants in Sweden* (2008) *Applied Economics Letters*, Forthcoming.

Part 4:

Borjas, G.J. & Trejo, S.J., *Immigrant participation in the welfare system* (1991) *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 44 (2), 195–211.

Baker, M. & Benjamin, D., *The Receipt of Transfer payments by immigrants to Canada* (1995) *Journal of Human Resources*, 15 (4), 650–676.

Hammarstedt, M., *The Receipt of Transfer payment by immigrants in Sweden* (2000) *International Migration*, 38 (2), 239–268.

Hammarstedt, M., *Assimilation and participation in social assistance among immigrants* (2008) *International Journal of Social Welfare*, forthcoming.

Part 5:

Borjas, G.J., *The intergenerational mobility among immigrants* (1993) *Journal of Labor Economics*, 11 (1), 113–135.

Behrenz, L., Hammarstedt, M. and Månsson, J., *Second-generation immigrants in the Swedish labour market* (2007) *International Review of Applied Economics*, 21 (1), 157–174.

Hammarstedt, M. & Palme, M., *Intergenerational mobility, human capital transmission and the earnings of second-generation immigrants in Sweden* (2006) *IZA Discussion Papers*, 1943.

Deutsch, J., Epstein, G.S. and Lecker, T., *Multi-generation model and immigrant earnings: theory and application* (2003) *IZA Discussion Papers*, 275.

Hammarstedt, M., *Intergenerational mobility and the earnings position of first-, second-, and third-generation immigrants in Sweden* (2007) *Växjö University Working Paper Series*.

Part 6:

Ekberg, J., *Immigration and the public sector. Income effects for the native population in Sweden* (1999) *Journal of Population Economics*, 12 (3), 278–297.

Wadensjö, E., *Immigration and net transfers within the public sector in Denmark* (2007) *European Journal of Political Economy*, 472–485.

Wadensjö, E. and Gerdes C., *Immigrants and the public sector in Denmark and Germany* (2004) in: Tranes, T. and Zimmermann, K. (ed.), *Migrants, Work, and the Welfare State*, University Press of Southern Denmark, Odense.

Part 7:

Borjas, G.J., *The labour demand curve is downward sloping: Re-examining the impact of im-migration on the labour market* (2003) *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 1335–1374.

Wadensjö, E. and Gerdes C., *Some socioeconomic consequences of immigration* (2004) in: Tra-nes, T. and Zimmermann, K. (ed.), *Migrants, Work, and the Welfare State*, University Press of Southern Denmark, Odense.

Del Boca, D. and Venturini, A., *Italian migration* (2003) IZA Discussion Papers, 938.

Dustmann, C. and Kirchkamp, O., *The optimal duration and activity choice after re-emigration* (2002) *Journal of Development Economics*, 67, 351–372.

Dustmann, C., *Children and return migration* (2003) *Journal of Population Economics*, 16, 815–830.

Barett, A. and O’Connell, P.J., *Is there a wage premium for returning Irish migrants?* (2001) *The Economic and Social Review*, 32, 1–21.

Boucher, S., Stark, O. and Taylor, J.E., *A gain with a drain? Evidence from rural Mexico on the new economics of the brain drain* (2005) Working Paper, University of California.

General reading:

Sjaastad, L. A., *The costs and returns of human migration* (1962) *Journal of Political Economy*, 70 (5), 3–16.

Borjas, G.J., *The economics of immigration* (1994) *Journal of Economic Literature*, 17, 1667–1717.