



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Business, Economics and Design

School of Business and Economics

4NA003 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 2009-06-17

Revised 2012-12-10 by School of Business and Economics. Revision due to small change in prerequisites. Also reformulated objectives and new texts under examinations and course evaluation (standardization)

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2013

Prerequisites

Economics 1-90 credits including at least two of the following courses: Intermediate Macroeconomics 7.5 credits, Intermediate Microeconomics 7.5 credits, Mathematical Economics II 7.5 credits or equal

Objectives

After completing the course, the student is expected to be able to:

- explain and discuss the economic causes of international migration
- explain and discuss the economic effects of international migration and the immigrants' economic assimilation in the host country
- account for and apply the methods for investigating 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 seminar.

Examination

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

Written examination and writing a paper as well as oral presentations and active participations in seminars. Examination can also be done through project work.

Results are graded using one of the terms Passed with distinction, Pass or Fail, and A-F according to the ECTS scale.

For the grade pass, the expected learning outcomes have to be reached; the grade is based upon the degree to which the learning outcomes are met. The weighing of the grades to the course grade is following the principles in the document "Principer för betygsrapportering dnr 2011/160".

Students who do not achieve a satisfactory result in the examinations are permitted to make a second attempt approximately 5-8 weeks after the normal examination date. The student will have a minimum of five occasions for written exams in relation to the syllabus to which the student was accepted. Usually 3 occasions per academic year.

Course Evaluation

A written course evaluation is carried out and compiled in a report, which is archived at the department. The results and possible measures taken are communicated by the course coordinator and presented to the students the next time the course is given, or in another way deemed suitable by the course coordinator. Other types of course evaluations, for example regular evaluations throughout the course or discussions with students, will be included and encouraged with the aim of ensuring continuous quality development.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

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

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

Part 1:

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

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

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

Part 2:

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

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

Chiswick, B.R. (1986) "Is the new immigration less skilled than the old?", *Journal of Labor Economics*, 4 (2), 168–192.

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

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

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

Part 3:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part 4:

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

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

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

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

Part 5:

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

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

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

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

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

Part 6:

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

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

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

Part 7:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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