Syllabus

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Course: ***Health Economics***
Professor:

2027 FIRST SEMESTER

PROGRAM

The goal of this course is to master the mathematical and graphical representations used in health economics and build a broad and deep fluency with the classic and current health economics literatures.

TOPICS

1. Fundamental Theory, and Measurement of Health
2. Health Insurance
3. Selection
4. Medicare/Medicaid and SUS
5. Health Over the Business Cycle
6. Supply of Health Care
7. Geographic Variation, and Productivity of Spending
8. Health Behaviors

GRADING

50% Class participation.
50% Presentation of a research idea

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- Office hours are a pre-defined period of time that is entirely dedicated to students. During this period, feel free to drop by my office for any reason. You can ask me any questions related to the course, to academia, to your career, to Economics or to your life as a graduate student.

HANDBOOKS

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CLASSROOMS POLICIES

This class is committed to an inclusive learning environment. All students, teaching staff, and the professor are expected to treat each other with respect and dignity at all times. All community members should enjoy an environment free of any form of harassment, sexual misconduct, discrimination, or intimate partner violence.

Mental Health issues are an extremely common problem among graduate students (https://scholar.harvard.edu/bolotnyy/publications/graduate-student-mental-health-lessons-american-economics-departments).

To help any students, FGV offers the Pró-Saúde Program: https://eesp.fgv.br/pro-saude-fgv. Feel free to contact them at any time.

Moreover, there are many affordable options outside FGV that may be helpful to you too, such as

- Clínica Psicológica Ana Maria Poppovic – PUC-SP: https://www.pucsp.br/clinica/index.html.
- Psicodrama Público no Centro Cultura São Paulo: http://centrocultural.sp.gov.br/2020/03/05/subjetividades-e-espaco-publico/ e https://spcultura.prefeitura.sp.gov.br/evento/26868/.

Furthermore, there are many mindfulness and meditation apps that you may find useful:

- Ten Percent Happier: https://www.tenpercent.com/
- Unwinding Anxiety: https://unwindinganxiety.com/
- Meditopia: https://meditopia.com/pt/ (em Português)