

Syllabus

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Course Name: Heterogeneity in Macroeconomics: Theory and Data Faculty: Teaching Assistants:

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COURSE OUTLINE

This course explores the role of heterogeneity in macroeconomics, focusing on the production side of the economy. The program covers models of firm dynamics, models of factors' misallocation with heterogeneous firms, and models of production network. To motivate and test the theory, we will also study how to use firm-level data to identify shocks, estimate production functions, and measure aggregate misallocation.

COURSE PROGRAM

- Cross-sectional identification of shocks with sector and firm-level data
- Production function estimation
- Models with heterogeneous firms
- Models with endogenous entrepreneurship, firms' entry and exit
- Financial frictions and firm dynamics
- Models of market power and estimation of markups
- Aggregation of output and misallocation
- Models of production network
- From micro shocks to macro fluctuations

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GRADING

- Short presentation of a paper (from a list that will be provided at the beginning of the course)
- Research project

CONTACT