A. Information on Instructor
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B. Programme Learning Outcome
PLO1. Understanding of fundamental theories and new development in economics
PLO2: Mastering of skills in analyzing economic data
PLO3: Demonstration of ability to apply economic knowledge and analytical skills to address policy and business problems
PLO4: Awareness of ethical concerns in economic issues
PLO5: Mastering of communication skills

C. Course Description and Objectives
Course Description:
This course is an introduction to econometric theories and applications at the Ph.D. level. The course considers application in economics and finance. Students are expected to be proficient in calculus, matrix algebra, and econometrics at the undergraduate level (i.e., ECON0701). Potential topics to be discussed include:
1. generalized method of moments (GMM);
2. maximum likelihood (ML);
3. time series and panel data analyses;
4. nonparametric methods.

Course Objectives:
1. To acquire and internalize knowledge of statistical methods used by
2. To develop the ability to discern which method is most appropriate in a given situation, and understand the limitations of the chosen method

**D. Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this course, students should be able to:
- CLO1: State and derive the basic properties of GMM and ML estimators and the conditions under which they apply
- CLO2: Apply the theories of GMM and ML
- CLO3: Understand some basic nonparametric methods
- CLO4: Understand some topics in the research frontiers

**E. Alignment of Program and Course Outcomes**

The following matrix indicates the alignment between the course learning outcomes and the program learning outcomes.

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**F. Teaching and Learning Activities**

Teaching and learning takes place through weekly lectures.

*Teaching and Learning Activities (TLA):*
- TLA1: Lecture (Instructor gives lectures on major concepts and issues.)
- TLA2: Consultation (Instructor holds weekly consultation hours to answer students’ questions.)

*Textbook:*


**G. Assessment**

Your grade in this class is determined by the midterm examination (40%) and the final examination (60%). The midterm examination will be held in class.
Both examinations are compulsory.

Alignment among course intended learning outcomes, teaching and learning activities and assessment tasks:

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**H. Standards for Assessment**
The basis for assessment is a weighted numerical average of students’ midterm and final examination scores. For a “pass” mark students are expected to be able to understand and solve problems of a similar difficulty level as the “review problems” in Hayashi’s text.

**I. Academic and Class Conduct**
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2. Consulting previous semesters’ answer keys or referring to any examination papers not available on the course webpage or in the Library’s ExamBase database are strictly prohibited.

3. Academic violations will result in automatic failure of the course, and may result in further disciplinary action, up to and including discontinuation of studies.