

Topics in macroeconomics (A)

Academic Year: (2020 / 2021)

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Department assigned to the subject: Department of Economics

Coordinating teacher: YURDAGUL , EMIRCAN

Type: Electives ECTS Credits : 4.0

Year : 2 Semester : 2

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE COMPLETED

Macroeconomics I, Macroeconomics II and Macroeconomics III

COMPETENCES AND SKILLS THAT WILL BE ACQUIRED AND LEARNING RESULTS.

The objective of the course is to study the contemporaneous models of sovereign default, and the ways they can help us reconcile the empirical regularities of emerging markets' borrowing.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

1. Big picture, motivating facts on Sovereign Default.

2. Building blocks of sovereign default literature.

3. Recap of numerical tools.

- Approximating AR(1) processes.
- Smart discrete search.
- Solving the basic setup.

4. Sovereign bonds with long maturity bonds.

- Exogenous maturity
- Endogenous maturity

5. Distressed debt restructurings.

- Empirical facts
- Modeling endogenous restructuring

6. News about the future

- News with short bonds.
- News and endogenous maturity

7. Enriching the lenders' side

- Risk averse international lenders:
- Extension with heterogeneity among lenders
- Sovereign defaults and reserves
- Domestic lending through a banking sector

8. Endogenous sudden stops

- Classic papers on self-fulfilling crises.
- Quantitative analysis with additional features

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Learning activities

Lectures

Group and individual assignments

Reading assignments and class discussions

Office hours

Methodology

Lectures in which the professor teaches basic concepts, distributes assignments, and presents the readings necessary to complement the class activities.

Critical readings of the material presented by the professor.

One assignment of writing a referee report on a seminal or contemporary paper.

One numerical assignment of solving one of the papers taught in the course by modifying a few assumptions.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Term project (numerical assignment on one of the papers in the syllabus) (25%)

Referee report assignment (15%)

Final exam (60%)

% end-of-term-examination: 60

% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 40

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