# ADVANCED MACROECONOMICS II

# ECONOMICS EC9614A

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## General Information:

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## Course Description/Overview:

This course is meant to provide students with tools to solve dynamic general equilibrium models and take them to the data. Special attention will be given to heterogeneous agent models.

## Course Learning Outcomes:

Pose, code, solve and calibrate a heterogeneous agent model.

## Textbook(s):

The class won’t follow a textbook, instead each week we will focus on a different topic. Materials will be provided accordingly.

## Topics and Reading List:

Here is a list of topics by week

1. Introduction and programming basics (version control and programming languages)
2. The neo-classical growth model I: How to code and speed up value function iteration
3. The neo-classical growth model II: Continuous choice variables
4. The neo-classical growth model III: The Endogenous Grid Method, shocks and expectations
5. Heterogeneity I - Bewley/Hugget/Aiyagari model
6. Heterogeneity III – Life cycle models with heterogeneity
7. Extensions: Occupational choice, steady state transitions
8. Income and wealth inequality
9. Other models: Firm heterogeneity
10. Search Models: McCall
11. Kyle’s notes + Kyle’s Problem Set 1
12. Search Models: DMP as in Shimer (2005)
13. Kyle’s notes + Kyle’s Problem Set 3
14. Search Models: Directed Search

## Evaluation:

Weekly problem sets will give the grade for the course.

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