

# UCLA - Econ 19 - Fall 2018 - Geerolf

This website contains class material for the class *Econ 19* at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). The syllabus for the class is available here:

**Syllabus.** pdf / html

The only requirement is that you should read the following piece before classes start, which we shall discuss during Lecture 1:

Rosen, Sherwin. “The Economics of Superstars.” *The American Scholar* 52, no. 4 (1983): 449–60.

We will also do some “hands on” web scrapping in the class, during Week 2, in order to get a feel for the mathematics of the economics of superstars, and Pareto Distributions in particular. We will be using Google Sheets, as well as R Statistical Software. The instructions to download R statistical software are available below.

**Intro to R.** pdf / html

Finally, you will be presenting one paper, by groups of 2, during the last two lectures of the class. The list of papers is available below.

**List of papers.** pdf / html

## Courses

Course 1. pdf / html.

Course 2. pdf / html. Spreadsheet. web / ods / xlsx.

Course 3. pdf / html. Spreadsheet. web / ods / xlsx.

## Readings

Sherwin Rosen. “The Economics of Superstars.” *The American Scholar* 52, no. 4 (1983): 449–60.

Kenneth Rogoff. “Public Applauds Huge Salaries for Sports Stars - while Business Stars Get Abuse.” *The Guardian*. March 2, 2012.

Alan B. Krueger. “Land of Hope and Dreams: Rock and Roll, Economics, and Rebuilding the Middle Class. Remarks at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.” June 12, 2013.

Paul Krugman. “Trade and Inequality, Revisited.” *Vox EU*. June 15, 2007.

## Press articles

Eduardo Porter. “How Superstars’ Pay Stifles Everyone Else.” *New York Times*. December 26, 2010.

John Cassidy. “Forces of Divergence.” *New Yorker*. March 31, 2014.

Lizzie Widdicombe. “The Programmer’s Price.” *New Yorker*. November 24, 2014.