

Agricultural Policy Analysis

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Course Contents

The course introduces agricultural policies to the interested graduate students. It is intended for students who have studied microeconomic theory at least at the first year graduate school level. Students who have finished an advanced course in production economics are equally welcome. The objective of this course is to help students know about agricultural policies and comprehend their economic outcomes. The course will seek the right balance among description of program details, modeling program effects, and reviewing relevant policy researches.

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Course Policy

Grading: 30% midterm exam, 20% homework, 30% final exam, 20% term paper

Schedule

02/21	Introduction
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