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ADVANCED EDUCATION FINANCE & ECONOMICS

WHEN
Summer 2016
Wednesdays & Mondays,
4:35-9:00 pm
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(Four Weeks)

WHERE
MBH 204

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The goal of this course is to introduce some basic economic theories and research methods as well as their application in educational policy making and the analysis of educational policy issues. Concepts of supply and demand, consumer theory, and production theory will be introduced to understand the incentives and behavior of families, educators, and other participants in the educational system. Main topics of the course include education and economic productivity, the role of school resources in student achievement, standard based reforms and accountability, economics of higher education, cost-benefit analysis, teacher/principal labor markets, and school choice and privatization. Given the nature of many of the readings, we will spend some time to read and interpret quantitative results, to learn to distinguish good empirical research from bad, and to discuss the key challenges in education quantitative research and methodologies that overcome them.