

Family Economics

Course title – Intitulé du cours	Family Economics
Level / Semester – Niveau / semestre	M2 PPD – S1
School – Composante	Ecole d'Economie de Toulouse
Teacher – Enseignant responsable	Augustin Tapsoba
TA Hours – Volume horaire TD	
TP Hours – Volume horaire TP	
Course Language – Langue du cours	English
TA and/or TP Language – Langue des TD et/ou TP	

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Course Objectives – Objectifs du cours :

This course covers key topics in the field of family economics: the study of how decisions within families, such as those related to marriage, fertility, savings, education, and labor supply, impact the allocation of resources like physical capital, human capital, and labor over time and across individuals in the economy. The course will provide students with a critical understanding of how economic factors, public policies, and cultural norms influence marital decisions, fertility, early child development, and education. We will also examine the effects of parenthood on labor market outcomes. Empirical applications will come from both developed and developing countries.

Prerequisites – Pré requis :

Students should be familiar with the content of the compulsory M1 courses.

Practical information about the sessions – Modalités pratiques de gestion du cours :

Students should participate actively to each session. Laptops and tablets are tolerated if used for the sole purpose of following the course.

Grading system – Modalités d'évaluation :

Term paper + class presentation

Bibliography/references – Bibliographie/références :

Academic Papers

See references in the next section.

Session planning – Planification des séances

I. MARRIAGE MARKETS AND MARITAL OUTCOMES

- Corno, L., Hildebrandt, N., & Voena, A. (2020). Age of marriage, weather shocks, and the direction of marriage payments. *Econometrica*, 88(3), 879-915.
- Tapsoba, Augustin. (WP 2024). "Polygyny and the Economic Determinants of Family Formation in Sub-Saharan Africa"

Background/Additional Readings:

- Anderson, S., "The economics of dowry and brideprice," *Journal of economic perspectives*, 2007, 21 (4), 151–174.
- Fafchamps, Marcel, and Agnes R. Quisumbing. "Household formation and marriage markets in rural areas." *Handbook of development economics* 4 (2007): 3187-3247.
- Anukriti, S., and Shatanjaya Dasgupta. "Marriage markets in developing countries." (2017).

II. MARRIAGE, HOUSEHOLD DECISIONS, AND INTRA-HOUSEHOLD DISTRIBUTIONS

- Bulte, Erwin, Qin Tu, and John List. "Battle of the sexes: How sex ratios affect female bargaining power." *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 64.1 (2015): 143-161.
- Almås, Ingvild, et al. "Measuring and changing control: Women's empowerment and targeted transfers." *The Economic Journal* 128.612 (2018): F609-F639.

Background/Additional Readings:

- Almås, Ingvild, Orazio Attanasio, and Pedro Carneiro. "Household decisions and intra-household distributions." *Handbook of the Economics of the Family*. Vol. 1. No. 1. North-Holland, 2023. 111-149.

III. FERTILITY

- Dupas, Pascaline, et al. *Long-run impacts of forced labor migration on fertility behaviors: Evidence from colonial West Africa*. No. w31993. National Bureau of Economic Research, 2023.
- Ashraf, N., Field, E., Voena, A., & Ziparo, R. (2022). Gendered spheres of learning and household decision making over fertility. *King Center on Global Development Working Paper, Stanford University*.
- Fontenay, Sébastien, Paula Eugenia Gobbi, and Marc Goñi. *Fertility in sub-Saharan Africa: The role of inheritance*. No. 2024-01. ULB--Université Libre de Bruxelles, 2024.

Background/Additional Readings:

- Doepke, M., Hannusch, A., Kindermann, F., & Tertilt, M. (2023). The economics of fertility: A new era. In *Handbook of the Economics of the Family* (Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 151-254). North-Holland.

IV. HOME PRODUCTION AND FEMALE LABOUR MARKET OUTCOMES

- Kleven, Henrik, Camille Landaïs, and Gabriel Leite-Mariante. "The child penalty atlas." *Review of Economic Studies* (2024): rdae104.
- Attanasio, O., De Barros, R. P., Carneiro, P., Evans, D. K., Lima, L., Olinto, P., & Schady, N. (2022). *Public childcare, labor market outcomes of caregivers, and child development: Experimental evidence from brazil* (No. w30653). National Bureau of Economic Research.

V. EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT I: DETERMINANTS AND IMPORTANCE

- Behrman, Jere R., and Mark R. Rosenzweig. "Returns to birthweight." *Review of Economics and statistics* 86.2 (2004): 586-601.

Background/Additional Readings:

- Almond, Douglas, and Janet Currie. "Killing me softly: The fetal origins hypothesis." *Journal of economic perspectives* 25.3 (2011): 153-72.

VI. EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT II: POLICY INTERVENTIONS

- Carneiro, Pedro; Galasso, Emanuela; Lopez Garcia, Italo; Bedregal, Paula; and Cordero, Miguel. "Impacts of a Large-Scale Parenting Program: Experimental Evidence from Chile." *Journal of Political Economy* 132, no. 4 (2024): 1113–1161. <https://doi.org/10.1086/727288>.
- Carneiro, P., Kraftman, L., Mason, G., Moore, L., Rasul, I., & Scott, M. (2021). The impacts of a multifaceted prenatal intervention on human capital accumulation in early life. *American Economic Review*, 111(8), 2506-2549.

VII. EDUCATION WITHIN THE HOUSEHOLD

- Ashraf, N., Bau, N., Nunn, N., & Voena, A. (2020). Bride price and female education. *Journal of Political Economy*, 128(2), 591-641.
- Field, Erica, and Attila Ambrus. "Early marriage, age of menarche, and female schooling attainment in Bangladesh." *Journal of political Economy* 116.5 (2008): 881-930.

Background/Additional Readings:

- Berry, J., Dizon-Ross, R., & Jagnani, M. (2025). Not playing favorites: Parents and the value of equal opportunity. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 17(3), 117-160.

VIII. CULTURE AND THE FAMILY

- Bau, N. (2021). Can policy change culture? Government pension plans and traditional kinship practices. *American Economic Review*, 111(6), 1880-1917.
- Moscona, Jacob, and Awa Ambra Seck. "Age Set versus Kin: Culture and Financial Ties in East Africa." *American Economic Review* 114.9 (2024): 2748-2791.
- Bursztyn, Leonardo, Alessandra L. González, and David Yanagizawa-Drott. "Misperceived social norms: Women working outside the home in Saudi Arabia." *American economic review* 110.10 (2020): 2997-3029.

Background/Additional Readings:

- Bau, Natalie, and Raquel Fernández. "Culture and the Family." *Handbook of the Economics of the Family*. Vol. 1. No. 1. North-Holland, 2023. 1-48.

IX. FAMILY BACKGROUND, NEIGHBORHOODS, AND INTERGENERATIONAL MOBILITY

- Alesina, A., Hohmann, S., Michalopoulos, S., & Papaioannou, E. (2021). Intergenerational mobility in Africa. *Econometrica*, 89(1), 1-35.

Background/Additional Readings:

- Mogstad, Magne, and Gaute Torsvik. "Family background, neighborhoods, and intergenerational mobility." *Handbook of the Economics of the Family* 1.1 (2023): 327-387.

X. THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF PUBLIC HUMAN CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

- Chattopadhyay, Raghabendra, and Esther Duflo. "Women as policy makers: Evidence from a randomized policy experiment in India." *Econometrica* 72.5 (2004): 1409-1443.
- Kudamatsu, Masayuki. "Has democratization reduced infant mortality in sub-Saharan Africa? Evidence from micro data." *Journal of the European Economic Association* 10.6 (2012): 1294-1317.

Distance learning – Enseignement à distance :

- Interactive virtual classrooms
- Chatrooms