Course on Household Economics, Domestic Violence, and the Law
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DETAILED OUTLINE (to be updated)

Session 1 (1.5 hours)

Household Economics: a Historical Perspective

- Modern Household Economics at Columbia and Chicago in the period 1960-1980
- The outcomes of interest:
  1. marriage, cohabitation or …?
  2. decisions that individual often make while in intimate relationships, such as labor supply, personal consumption, and investments in own or children’s human capital
- Household Economics prior to 1960

Readings:


Session 2 (1.5 hours)

Modeling Decision-Making in Households and Exchanges between Household Members

- Extended Families
- Nuclear Families
- Macro-level implications, including effects of sex ratio

Readings:


Session 3 (1.5 hours)

Micro-level implications: introducing marriage markets in the study of labor supply, household production, couple formation, fertility and more

- Labor Supply
- Household production

Readings:


Session 4 (1.5 hours)

Economic analyses of effects of laws related to marriage and divorce

Readings:


**Session 5 (1.5 hours)**

Domestic violence: an interdisciplinary perspective.

- The economic perspective
- The legal perspective
- The sociological perspective

**Readings:**

To be assigned later.