

## ***DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS***

### **MATHEMATICS-PhD course 2018-2019**

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70 contact hours: Lectures and Exercises

#### **Course contents**

1. Dynamical systems; differential equations; systems of differential equations.
2. Mathematical optimization methods for deriving control policies
  - Calculus of variations
  - Optimal control theory
  - Dynamic programming
3. Stochastic processes
4. Mathematical finance : basic contracts; option pricing (Cox-Ross-Rubinstein, Black-Scholes); how to cope with risks; the Greeks; real options, applications to economics.

#### **Grading**

The final grade is composed by the following categories:

Written Exam determines 85% of the final mark.

Oral Exam determines 15% of the final mark.

#### **References**

- Own notes and slides