

Economics 8209: Research Methods Workshop I

Fall 2013

M/W 10:30-11:45AM

Room: ECON 5

Class Website through Desire2Learn (D2L): <https://learn.colorado.edu/>

No Class: Sep 2 (Labor Day), Nov 25-27 (Fall Break)

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Course Description

This is the first course in a two course series that forms the 3rd year research methods workshop for Ph.D. students in economics. This course provides an introduction to the practice of research in economics and a learning environment conducive to preparing a research proposal that will culminate in the required paper and comprehensive examination typically taken at the end of the 3rd year of the Ph.D. program. Together we will discuss what quality research looks like and the components of a research paper including introduction, literature review, and methodologies.

related. You may also raise questions, critiques, and extensions on the article, and thus provide the basis for a critical discussion of the article in class. While you may consult with other classmates regarding your presentation, I expect that the presentation slides will be your work alone. If you have presented or are planning to present a similar presentation in another class, you must discuss this with me first to determine whether it will be eligible for credit in this class. We will follow conference-style rules for this presentation, meaning that you will have up to 15 minutes of uninterrupted time for your presentation followed by 5-10 minutes of class discussion. You must email a draft of your presentation slides to me and your peer-editor(s) one week prior to your presentation. Your editor will then email written comments to you and me no less than three days prior to your presentation. You may incorporate their comments into your final presentation at your discretion. You should plan to email your slides out to the class in PDF format by 5PM on the day prior to your presentation.

Literature Review Draft & Presentation: You will write a 3-

present the theoretical model/framework (if any) that previews the expected results or motivates the empirical strategy, and (4) discuss the empirical strategy used to answer the question. Your proposal may also review details of the data set you expect to use in the analysis and present preliminary results or discuss expected results, if you have already advanced to those stages of research. You will also make a 30 minute computer-based presentation of your final research proposal to me and your advisor. We will offer feedback at your presentation and I will later meet with you individually to discuss your presentation and how your manuscript is progressing before it is due. You must email your peer editor a copy of your final research proposal one week before your presentation so that your peer editor can respond with comments no less than three days prior to your presentation. Your final research proposal manuscript will be due to me on the last day of class. You should also provide a copy to your advisor and the instructor for ECON 8219 at the end of this semester.

Participation (including peer-to-peer edits and comments in class): You will provide written comments to one of your group members on each of the following: (1) paper presentation, (2) literature review draft, (3) methodology draft, (4) and final research proposal. Ideally, not all of your comments will go to the same group member. These may take the form of comments written on a hard copy and then scanned and emailed to the recipient, so long as the comments are clear and legible. These comments will be due no less than three days prior to the recipient's presentation and sent via email. I should receive a copy of all comments at the time they are submitted. In addition to the written comments you provide to your group members, you should also be prepared to provide comments to the rest of your classmates following their presentations.

Advisors: You should identify an advisor for your 3rd year paper as soon as possible so that they may offer any feedback on your research question, literature review, and methodology proposal while you are developing them. In all cases, you must specify an advisor no later than the end of September. Note that this requires the advisor's consent, so you must directly ask him or her if he/she is willing and able to advise you.

Grading

Outside Paper Presentation: 10%

Literature Review Draft & Presentation: 10%

Methodology Draft & Presentation: 10%

Participation (including peer-to-peer edits and comments in class): 10%

Final Research Proposal & Presentation: 60%

Class & University Policies

All students must attend all classes and presentations unless otherwise noted in the course schedule.

Please hand in an assignment cover sheet with all written assignments. It is available at: <http://www.colorado.edu/Economics/graduate/AcademicIntegrityAgreement.pdf>

Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to reasonably and fairly deal with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts

with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. In this class, please review the course schedule at the beginning of the semester and see me as soon as possible regarding any conflicts due to religious observances. See full details at www.colorado.edu/policies/fac_relig.html

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please provide me with a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner (for exam accommodations provide your letter at least one week prior to the exam) so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or by e-mail at dsinfo@colorado.edu.

If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see Temporary Injuries under Quick Links at Disability Services website (<http://disabilityservices.colorado.edu/>) .

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integrity policy will be subject to both academic sanctions from the faculty member and non-academic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion). Other information on the Honor Code can be found at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html> and at <http://www.colorado.edu/academics/honorcode/>

