

**University of Colorado Boulder**

**ECON 8209 Research Methods Workshop I  
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**Lectures:** Tuesday and Thursday, 2:20-3:35 MKNA 204

**Office hours:** Tuesday and Thursday 11:30-12:30 (remote or in person)

**Grading:** The primary assessment for this workshop is the quality of the research proposal. Doing well on the earlier aspects of the workshop (literature review, methodology proposal) is encouraged, as it will strengthen the research proposal.

### **Tentative Workshop Schedule**

- I. Introductory material
  - A. Starting the research process and the Culture of Research (Week 1)
  - B. Writing introductions and key ingredients (Week 2)
  
- II. Paper presentations
  - A. Individual meetings on area of interest and paper to present (Week 3)
  - B. Class presentations (Week 4-5)
  
- III. Literature reviews
  - A. Writing lit reviews (Week 6)
  - B. Rough draft to peers on 10/4 (Week 7)
  - C. **Final lit review due to me on 10/11** (Week 8)
  
- IV. Proposed methodology
  - A. Individual meetings to discuss methodology (Week 9-10)
  - B. Methodology presentations (Week 11)
  - C. Rough draft to peers on 11/8 (Week 12)
  - D. **Final methodology due to me on 11/15** (Week 13)
  
- V. Proposal presentations
  - A. Final presentations and peer editing of proposals (Week 14-15)
  - B. **Final research proposal due to me on 12/15**

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