

PhD Advanced Workshop ECO-7925  
Fall 2019  
Syllabus

**General Information**

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**Time:** Tue, Thu 12:30-1:45pm

**Location:** SIPA 100

The class will only meet on the following dates:

**September 10 (Week 3), October 1 & 3 (Week 6), October 29 & 31 (Week 10), November 19 & 21 (Week 13), December 3 & 5 (Week 15)**

The class may occasionally change time and location. In the last meetings, you will have to present your project.

**Course Objectives:** The course aims to supervise and help students in their research efforts. It only meets three or four times each month. Students report on their progress and discuss their work with their peers. At the end

of the semester, they have to give a presentation on their work.

**Course requirements and grading schemes:** Attendance is expected. In the September and October meetings you are required to give us a brief update on your work (you may prepare some handouts, if you like), followed by a class discussion. Each students will be given 20-25 minutes in total. Your oral presentation should last 10-15 minutes and contain the following information, to the extend that you have it available:

1. Faculty you are working/consulting with.
2. Research question
3. Literature review
4. Data sources (unless your project is only theoretical)
5. Methodology/Model
6. Results (even if preliminary)

We will discuss the work of 2 or 3 students at each meeting.

The week right before and after Thanksgiving (which also happens to be the last week of classes), you will have to give a short presentation on your research. Other faculty will be in attendance. Your presentation should last 20-25 minutes (i.e 10-12 slides), and cover the points mentioned above. This will be followed by 5-10 minutes of discussion.

Your final grade will be composed as follows:

40% Class discussion & participation

60% Final presentation

You will be required to write your field paper in  $\text{\LaTeX}$ (or a  $\text{\LaTeX}$ -based document processor, such as LyX) If you have not done so yet, you should start familiarizing yourself with  $\text{\LaTeX}$ :

[Link to the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Project](#)

Information on LyX can be found here:

[Link to LyX](#)

For your presentation, you should take a look at the Beamer environment:

[Link to Beamer](#)

## Course Outline

**October 1 & 3:** Oral presentations of research or prospective research projects. You may present 2-3 different ideas.

**October 29 & 31:** Oral presentations of research progress. By now you should have settled on an idea. Make sure to have discussed your ideas with the corresponding faculty.

**November 19 & 21:** Oral presentations of research progress. At this point you should have a well-defined research plan, data, and some preliminary results

**December 3 & 5:** Presentation of your research, other faculty will be in attendance.