

## Economics 611.28(L01) (PhD Research Workshop)

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Lecture Days/Time: F10-12:45

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**Course Description:** In this workshop we will focus on the development and presentation of your research ideas.

In each session, we will hear from two students. Each will present 20-30 minutes, taking questions during and after their presentations.

Normally, a student will present the motivation, economic question, literature review, and expected contribution of your idea. But other formats are possible (for example, if you are preparing for a conference presentation, you may wish to give your planned conference presentation).

In general, this should not be a paper that you have already presented in a department Wednesday workshop (although exceptions may be made if you discuss with me – for example, if you have only just passed your candidacy exam, if you have presented many different papers already in the Wednesday seminars, if you have given a talk in a Wednesday seminar that didn't go well and you would like to workshop your question/contribution/approach, etc). So this is a great time to test drive the ideas behind your second and third thesis papers.

The environment will be extremely informal, but I expect you to take your presentations seriously. Attendance is expected and will be taken weekly. If you cannot make it, please let me know and, of course, send your regrets to the speakers. This is important since the workshop relies upon collegiality and reciprocity.

Sign-ups will be made on the department website on a first come first served basis. Please check the website for available time slots and then email May Ives your first and second choice. Recall that all

third year and above students are expected to present; failure to do so can affect your good standing in the program.

On the date you present, please arrive a few minutes early to ensure that the smart board is setup and functioning.

If you have particular questions, please ask me at any time. The schedule will be posted on the graduate homepage. Any changes to the schedule should be given to May Ives.

**Objective/Learning Outcomes:** The objective is two-fold: (1) to help you hone your ideas, and also (2) to work on your presentation skills.

#### **Prerequisites/corequisites**

Attendance is required for students in third year of the PhD program and above. Others may attend with permission of the instructor.

**Textbook(s): NA**

**Reserved Readings: NA**

#### **Course Requirements/Assessments:**

This course will not have any midterms or final exams. Students will be graded on the following basis.

Presentation: 60%

Participation: 30%

Attendance: 10%

Note: Attendance is mandatory. The heavy weighting on participation reflects the importance of creating a collegial, supportive, constructive environment.

**Desire2Learn** This course will make use of the Desire2Learn (D2L) platform. Students who are registered in the course can log on at <http://d2l.ucalgary.ca> through their student centre. Please note that D2L features a class e-mail list that may be used to distribute course-related information. These e-mails go to your University of Calgary e-mail addresses only.

#### **Grade Determination and Final Examination Details**

Department of Economics Criteria for Letter Grades. Economics professors use the following criteria when assigning letter grades:

Grade	Grade Point Value	Description		Grade	Grade Point Value	Description
A+	4.00	Outstanding		C+	2.30	All grades below “B-” are indicative of failure at the graduate level and cannot be counted toward Faculty of Graduate Studies course requirements. Individual programs may require a higher passing grade. the subject matter
A	4.00	Excellent-superior performance, showing-comprehensive understanding of subject matter		C	2.00	
A-	3.70	Very good performance		C-	1.70	
B+	3.30	Good performance		D+	1.00	
B	3.00	Satisfactory performance		D	1.00	
B-	2.70	Minimum pass for students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies		F	0	

### Grading Scale

A+	95 – 100	B	73 – 76	C-	60 – 62
A	85 – 94	B-	70 – 72	D+	56 – 59
A-	80 – 84	C+	67 – 69	D	50 – 55
B+	77 – 79	C	63 – 66	F	0 – 49

Tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, then converted to letter grades. The course grade is then calculated using the weights indicated above.

A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a student to pass the course as a whole.

### Reappraisal of Grades

**For reappraisal of graded term work, see Calendar I.2**

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-2.html>

**For reappraisal of final grade, see Calendar I.3**

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-3.html>

A student who feels that a piece of graded term work (e.g., term paper, essay, test) has been unfairly graded, may have the work re-graded as follows. The student shall discuss the work with the instructor within 15 days of being notified about the mark or of the item's return to the class; no reappraisal of term work is permitted after the 15 days. If not satisfied, the student shall immediately take the matter to the Head of the department offering the course, who will arrange for a reassessment of the work within the next 15 days. The reappraisal of term work may cause the grade to be raised, lowered, or to

remain the same. If the student is not satisfied with the decision and wishes to appeal, the student shall address a letter of appeal to the Dean of the faculty offering the course within 15 days of the unfavourable decision. In the letter, the student must clearly and fully state the decision being appealed, the grounds for appeal, and the remedies being sought, along with any special circumstances that warrant an appeal of the reappraisal. The student should include as much written documentation as possible.

**Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct**

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. Consequently, plagiarism or cheating on any assignment is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense. Plagiarism involves submitting or presenting work in a course as if it were the student's own work done expressly for that particular course when, in fact, it is not. Students should examine sections of the University Calendar that present a Statement of Intellectual honesty and definitions and penalties associated with Plagiarism/Cheating/Other Academic Misconduct, <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>

**Academic Accommodation**

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, Visit [www.ucalgary.ca/access/](http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/).

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor. The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at [www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy\\_0.pdf](http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf)

Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than 14 days after the start of this course.

**Absence from a Test/Exam**

THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUP OR DEFERRED QUIZZES under any circumstances, nor may the quizzes be written early. Students unable to write the quizzes because of documented illness, family emergency, religious observance, or university-sanctioned event will have the weight shifted to the final examination; otherwise a grade of zero will be assigned. If a student cannot write their final exam on the date assigned by the Registrar's Office, they need to apply for a deferred exam [www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred\\_final](http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final) Under no circumstance will this be accommodated by the department.

**Important Dates**

Please check: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-schedule.html>

Faculty of Grad Studies website: <http://grad.ucalgary.ca/home>

Graduate Students Association: <http://gsa.ucalgary.ca/>

Professional Development for Grad Students

Workshops and resources can be found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/mygradskills/>

Economics Graduate Association: <http://econ.ucalgary.ca/ega/>

**Evacuation Assembly Point**

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at

[www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints](http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints)

Please check this website and note the nearest assembly point for this course

**Safewalk**

The safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus. This service is free and available 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year.

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