

Economics 695 and 967 Research Methods III

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Textbook(s): The following texts are helpful; additional material will be provided on D2L

- McCloskey, D.N. 2000. *Economical Writing*. Long Grove: Waveland Press.
- McCloskey, D.N. 1998. *The Rhetoric of Economics*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press.
- Thomson, W. 2011. *A Guide for the Young Economist*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press
- Wyrick, T.L. 1994. *The Economist's Handbook: a research and writing guide*. NY: West Pub.

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> using or through their student centre. Please note that D2L features a class e-mail list that may be used to distribute course-related information. The default is your University of Calgary e-mail address.

Course Outline: This course is a joint spring/summer independent study for course based MA students. The objective of course is to provide you with an opportunity to conduct independent research. Specifically in the spring semester, you will:

1. find a topic of your interest and specify an appropriate research question,
2. identify an appropriate research method to address your question, and
3. learn how to apply empirical and theoretical skills that you have acquired from core curriculum courses to your specific question.

The instructors' role throughout this course is to support your research when you need it. You need to act promptly and proactively when you seek help. You assume full responsibility for completing your research.

Important Dates:

- May 2nd 2016: First meeting
- May 13th, 2016: Written proposal (one-page) due
- May 27th, 2016: 10 minute introductory presentation
- June 10th, 2016: Introduction with literature review sections due
- June 24th, 2016: Data/Method section due

- July 15th, 2016: Preliminary results due
- July 29th, 2016: Complete paper draft due
- August 4th and 5th, 2016: Presentation of full paper
- August 12th, 2016: Complete and final paper due

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details: There are no tests for this course. For all other components, grades are awarded on a numerical (percentage) basis, and then converted to letter grades.

| Spring Semester | Summer Semester |
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| Proposal – 10% | Preliminary Results – 20% |
| First Oral Presentation – 10% | Final Oral Presentation – 40% |
| Introduction and literature review – 40% | Final Paper – 40% |
| Data and Methods Section – 40% | |

The course grade is then calculated using the weights indicated above. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will apply:

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| 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 |

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

Notes:

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor *within seven days* of the work being returned to the class.
- It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. 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 seven (7) days after the start of this course.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them in the MacKimmie Library Block.
- Online writing resources are available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/resources/writing-support>