

Economics 793(L01) (PhD Research Workshop II)

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Lecture Days/Time: F 10:30 - 11:15

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Course Description:

The PhD Research Workshop (I and II) is for 3rd year and above PhD students. In this course, we will focus on developing good research and writing skills. This course will give students a forum to develop their research ideas, practice their presentation skills, and learn professional skills. We will pursue these goals through (i) workshoping research ideas and preliminary findings, (ii) writing and organizational tips to help focus one's research, and (iii) developing presentation skills. As part of the course students are expected to attend the departmental seminars (both the Friday visiting speaker seminars the internal Wednesday seminars).

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes:

The goal of this course is to develop your professional writing and presentation skills as they pertain to your research. We will be using students' current research in the course, thereby helping students complete the various written components of their degrees.

We will focus a significant portion of the course on writing and research skills as they pertain to completing your PhD degree. As part of this, the course will help students communicate their ideas towards (i) find potential advisors, (ii) identifying and assessing research contributions as appropriate for professional and research protocols, and (iii) organizing a clear and interesting paper and presentation.

Course Outline:

The focus of the Winter term will be on presentations. All students will take turns presenting slides from leading economists as well as slides on their own work.

Prerequisites/corequisites: Enrollment in the PhD Economics program.

Required Textbook(s): None. Readings will be posted on D2L.

Recommended Textbook(s): None.

Books on Reserve: None.

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:

There are no exams for this course. Students will be evaluated based on their completion of three seminar reports and three presentations.

First, students will prepare seminar reports analyzing three of the Monday or Friday visiting speaker presentations. The reports can be submitted to the instructor at any time during the winter term but all reports must be submitted by April 16th. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Second, students will present three times in the class, first presenting the slides of a well-established economist in your field and then later in the course presenting their own research. The emphasis will be on developing a clear communication when giving seminars. Students will sign up for workshops in which we will discuss presentation skills.

Seminar reports (3)	25%
Presentations (3)	<u>75%</u>
	100%

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
A+	4.00	Outstanding
A	4.00	Excellent-superior performance, showing-comprehensive understanding of subject matter
A-	3.70	Very good performance
B+	3.30	Good performance
B	3.00	Satisfactory performance
B-	2.70	Minimum pass for students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies
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.

Students must receive a passing grade on the final exam to pass the course.

Reappraisal of Grades and Intellectual Honesty:

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>

Statement of Intellectual Dishonesty, see Calendar K.4

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-4.html>

Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct, see Calendar K.5

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-5.html>

Academic Accommodations:

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. 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 <http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act:

Personal information is collected in accordance with FOIP. Assignments can only be returned to the student and will be accessible only to authorized faculty and staff. For more information, see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/files/legalservices/faq-students.pdf> and http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/files/legalservices/faq-faculty_0.pdf.

Internet and Electronic Communication Device information:

The use of cell phones for any purpose in class is prohibited. Computers and tablets may be used for note taking only unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Copyright Legislation:

See the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright at www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/acceptable-use-of-material-protected-by-copyright.pdf. Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy.

Important Dates:

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

Student Organizations:

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/>

Student Support and Resources:

- See <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines> for information on campus mental health resources, the Student Ombuds' Office, Student Success Centre, Safewalk, and Emergency Evacuation and Assembly.
- Online writing resources are available at <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/writing-support>.
- 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.

Notes:

Students are responsible for all assigned material, e.g., supplementary material posted on D2L, regardless of whether or not the material was covered in class.

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