

# SYLLABUS

*University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill*  
Department of Economics

## **Econ 890-005: Applied Micro (Early Stage) Dissertation Workshop**

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### **Instructor:**

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### **Time and Place:**

Class: 12:30pm-1:45pm R in Gardner 1  
Office Hours: 2.30pm-4.00pm T and by appointment

## **Description:**

The purpose of this course is to receive feedback on on-going dissertation and research work and to test presentation skills. The workshop is specifically geared toward students who are in the stage of just developing their topics. The setting will be informal and conducive to discussion, with only fellow students and the instructor assisting to the presentations.

This objective of the course is obtained at least in three ways:

1. By actively engaging in the workshop both as a presenter and a prepared and vocal participant, a student improves his or her ability to organize thoughts and to discuss ones' own and other research.
2. Participation in the workshop allows the student to associate, correct, or avoid similar problems in one's own research, and to learn appropriate presentation and research skills by observing and engaging others.
3. Participation in the workshop provides the student with feedback on his or her own research in a relaxed, but formal, setting from student colleagues and multiple faculty members who may or may not be dissertation committee members.

## **Course Requirements [relative weight]:**

1. Presentation [ $\frac{1}{3}$ ]:

All student participants are required to present at least once during the Fall or Spring semester. Dr. Flabbi will assign dates to each participant based on research progress and interests. Speakers should post presentation slides (or a paper, if available) in the Sakai website for the course by Friday before the Tuesday presentation.

2. Written Comments [ $\frac{1}{3}$ ]:

All student participants are also required to provide comments on the research of each presenter. Please read the slides or the paper before the presentation and prepare written comments. The written comments should be sent to the presenter and to Dr. Flabbi by the morning after the day of the presentation. In the written evaluation it is expected that you will provide detailed comments on the assigned presentation; these comments should be substantive with regard to the economic content and modeling as well as constructive with regard to grammar and style. Provide the type of detail that you would like to receive yourself.

3. Participation [ $\frac{1}{3}$ ]:

Finally, all student participants are expected to participate actively during each presentation. This include listening with attention to the seminar and ask questions to the presenter. Be sure to have the student presenter address the concerns you might have.

## Course Policies:

- All students are responsible for knowing the UNC's Honor Code (<http://honor.unc.edu/>).
- Course Prerequisites consists of permission by instructor and the Director of Graduate Studies in the Economics department.
- Regular attendance is expected and will be accounted for in the assignment of grades.
- Reading materials for the course consist of the presenter's paper or slides.