

SYLLABUS

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Department of Economics

Econ 985-001: Applied Micro Dissertation Workshop

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Time and Place:

Class: 12:30pm-1:45pm T 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. This objective 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 dissertation progress, proposal status, and job market participation. Speakers should post a paper in the Sakai website for the course by Friday before the Tuesday presentation. I have made an effort to add to the course all the relevant faculty and students but if you expect participants without access to Sakai to come to the seminar, please make the paper available to them by email. You should post the paper in the Resources section of Sakai in the folder with your name.

Notice, we also encourage preliminary oral exams (defense of the prospectus) and final oral exams (defense of the dissertation) for applied micro students to be scheduled as part of the workshop.

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

All student participants are also required to provide comments on the research of each presenter. Please read the paper before the presentation and prepare written comments. The written comments should be posted in the Resources section of Sakai in the folder with the speaker's name.

The written evaluation should be prepared like a referee report on a journal submission. In other words, it is expected that you will provide detailed comments on the assigned paper; 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 presenters paper.