

Course Number: ECON 910
Day/Time: TH 12:30 –1:45

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Office Hours by Appointment

Grading:

Presentations	90 %	Several times per term
Participation	10 %	Engagement: (attendance, verbal comments, questions, attention)

Target Audience: Graduate students in the Ph.D. program in Economics who have completed their field paper and are engaged in dissertation research in the area of microeconomic theory.

Course Prerequisites: Permission of the instructors and the Director of Graduate Studies in the Economics department.

Course Goals and Key Learning Objectives:

The purpose of this course (ECON 910) or workshop is (at least) three-fold:

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:

All student participants are required to present at least twice during the semester. Student participants will also provide comments on the research of *each* presenter. Please read the paper before the presentation and bring written comments to the presentation.

In addition to the required presentation of own research at least once during the semester and weekly active participation, we encourage preliminary oral exams (defense of the prospectus) and final oral exams (defense of the dissertation) for micro theory students to be scheduled as part of the workshop. Exams have priority for scheduling and so there may be changes to the order, day, or time in which students present. Since the times of the exams must accommodate the schedules of faculty on the committees, some of the workshops might be scheduled outside the usual workshop time and some regular attendees might be unable to attend. Also, there may be scheduling conflicts that necessitate using a conference room in which case only the committee members and student being examined would be able to attend.

Final Exams: There is no final exam in this course. Graduate courses are not required to have final exams.

Course Policies: Regular attendance is expected and will be accounted for in the assignment of grades. Written comments are accepted and expected, even if late.