

Econ8219: Research Methods Spring 2011 Course Syllabus

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Class Time and location: Econ 5 Tuesday and Thursday 2 - 3:15pm

Course Goals

The second semester of the research methods is for

1. Students will be given guidelines for generating a 1-3 page executive summary or detailed abstract of their research proposal. It will cover basic motivation, main research question, the contribution of their research to the literature, and the key points of their methodology. I will also ask you to either include, or discuss what you would include in your “money graph” or main descriptive statistics.
2. Students will be sent draft executive summaries in advance of class for their group members and be expected to edit the executive summaries. In class the students must go over the edits in details with the group/author and the group should discuss how the author can improve their work.
3. Mid-way through the semester students will make a short (15 minute) conference style presentation of their research. See more details below.
4. Students will be sent draft final proposals in advance of

Due Dates

1. Draft Executive Summaries: Due Jan. 17 (Mon.). Email to me and your group members.
2. Final Executive Summaries: Due Jan. 24 (Mon.). Email to me and printed copy in mail box.
3. Copies of Proposal (Fall version): Due Jan. 24 (Mon.). Email to me and printed copy in mail box.

Oral Comprehensive Exam Guidelines

A. Basic Guidelines