

Econ 8219: Research Methods
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Office Hours: after class until 3 PM. (My undergrads also share 2-3.)

The second semester of the research methods class gives opportunities for students working on their oral proposals to discuss and present their ongoing work. By the end of the class it is expected that most students will complete the comprehensive oral exam proposal and defend it. We will also be focusing on making short conference presentations, useful descriptive statistics, and editing your own work as well as others.

Course Content Students will participate in the following activities:

1. **Detailed Abstract of Research Proposal:** Students will be given guidelines for generating a 2-4 (double spaced) page detailed abstract of their research proposal. It will cover basic motivation, main research question, the contribution of their research to the literature, and perhaps key points of their methodology. I will also ask you to either include, or discuss examples (if doing theory).
2. **Group Editing of Detailed Abstract:** Students will be sent draft detailed abstracts in advance of class to their group members and be expected to edit the detailed abstracts. 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. **Short Presentations:** Students will make a short (15 minute) conference style presentation of their research. See more details below.
4. **Group Editing of Most Sections of the Proposal:** Students will send drafts of different sections

