

Economics 8209- Research Methods

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Course Goals

The purpose of this course is to transition you into the research phase of your doctoral studies.

The primary goal is that you end this semester with a research proposal that includes:

- a) a well-specified research question
- b) a literature review that explains the innovation and contribution of the proposed research
- c) the proposed methodology (theoretical and/or empirical)

Course Content

The semester will consist of 6 activities:

1) Introductory lectures and exercises: Research process, working with advisors, paper introductions, conference style presentations

2) Paper presentation: Students will pick an important paper related to the area (if appropriate) that will be used. Students should strive to be as specific as possible (e.g. a 5-minute presentation of the paper, and the feedback they receive).

Course Schedule

Getting started

8/26: Introductory Lecture

8/28: Advice from upperyear students

Writing/Presenting Introductions

9/4: Prior to class: Pick out a published paper of interest to you. Send links/copies to the other 2 students in your group by 5 pm on Sept 1. Read and mark the introduction of: Jacobi and Sovinsky, "Marijuana on Main Street? Estimating Demand in Markets with Limited Access" AER August 2016 106(8):2002-045. Also read the 3 introductions for your group prior to class

9/9: Prior to class: 1) Read Fian et al., "Gender Differences in Mate Selection: Evidence from speed dating experiment." QJE, May 2006. 2) Prepare draft of 7-5 presentation slides for Fian et al. (question/motivation/data and methods/key findings) to discuss in class in groups.

Individual meetings

9/11, 9/18: Class time will be used to for each student to meet with me individually.

Paper presentations

9/23, 9/25, 9/30: Paper presentations (Students at BCCD 112) (9/11/2015 5:30 Td ()Tj EMC /P <</MCID