



Department of Economics Course Outline

Course:	Economics 611.55 [Applied Economic Policy I]	Term:	Spring 2010
Time:	MR 09:30-12:20	Section:	20
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Textbook(s):

- Readings for Economics 611.55 will be made available on Blackboard.

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This course is the first part of a pair of courses with the following objectives:

- To provide you with an opportunity to engage in sustained and intensive study of a topic by developing, writing, and presenting a research paper.
- To apply empirical and theoretical skills that you have acquired and developed from core curriculum courses.
- To develop skills in research methods, written communication, and oral presentation.
- To produce original results that contribute to our understanding of economic phenomena.

A detailed course outline will be distributed in the first week of lectures.

The instructors will provide a list of research topics. Students may also seek permission to work on other topics. This may require the student to find an advisor within the faculty in the chosen subject area. Specific topics will be available for consideration by May 7.

A preliminary session will be held the first week of class. Please consider topics before this session. You are required to both select a topic and have it approved by one of the instructors no later than one week after this session.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

The final grade will be based on the elements and weights below:

Proposal	30%
Literature Review	35%
Data and Methods	35%

Assignments are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, and then converted to letter grades. The course grade is then calculated using the weights indicated above. As a guide to determining standing, the university letter grade equivalences will generally apply

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Note:

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor *within* seven days of the work being returned to the class.

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