



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Spring 2011
Course:	Economics 611.55 Independent Study	Section:	20
Time:	MW 09:30-12:15	Place:	ST 055
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Textbooks:

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:

1. To provide you with an opportunity to engage in sustained and intensive study of a topic by developing, writing, and presenting a research paper.
2. To apply empirical and theoretical skills that you have acquired and developed from core curriculum courses
3. To develop your research skills and written communication skills
4. Where possible (or if you are lucky enough), to produce original results.

A course calendar will be distributed on May 11.

Students are responsible for finding their own research topics, which must, however, be approved by the instructors. For some topics, supplementary supervision from faculty in the chosen subject area may be required. The instructors will offer some suggestions for students who are looking for a topic by May 1. Students should begin developing paper topics as soon as possible.

There will be a preliminary meeting on Wednesday May 11 in room ST 055 at 9:30. All registered students are expected to attend this preliminary 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 presentation and description	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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Notes:

- 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.
- It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than seven (7) days after the start of this course.

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