



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Spring 2013
Course:	Economics 611.55 Independent Study	Section:	20
Time:	MW 09:00-11:45	Place:	SS 423
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References:

- McCloskey, D.N. 2000. *Economical Writing*. Long Grove: Waveland Press.
McCloskey, D.N. 1998. *The Rhetoric of Economics*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press.
Thomson, W. 2011. *A Guide for the Young Economist*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press
Wyrick, T.L. 1994. *The Economist's handbook : a research and writing guide*. NY: West Pub.

Other materials for this course will be made available on Blackboard.

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This course is the first part of the spring/summer independent study courses for MA students. This part of the course cannot be taken independently. The objective of this summer project is to provide you with an opportunity to conduct your independent research. Specifically during this part, you will:

1. find a topic of your interest and specify an appropriate *research question*,
2. identify an appropriate research method to address your question, and
3. learn how to apply empirical and theoretical skills that you have acquired from core curriculum courses to your specific question.

The instructors' role throughout this course is only to support your research when you need it. You need to act promptly and proactively when you seek help. You assume full responsibility for completing your research. A detailed guideline will be presented in the first meeting.

Important Dates:

- April 26 (Fri): Introduction to online data resource
- May 17 (Fri): Written proposal due
- May 29 (Wed): First presentation
- June 14 (Fri): Introduction due
- June 28 (Fri): Data/Method section due

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

The final grade of this part of the course will be based on the overall progress of the project. As a guide to determining grade, the course instructors consider the following elements of the project.

Proposal	10 %
First oral presentation	10 %
Introduction	40 %
Data and method	40 %

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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