

Economics 611 (Independent Study)

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Textbook(s): The following texts are helpful; additional material may be provided on D2L

- 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.

Desire2Learn: This course will make use of the Desire2Learn (D2L) platform. Students who are registered in the course can log on at <http://d2l.ucalgary.ca> using or through their student centre. Please note that D2L features a class e-mail list that may be used to distribute course-related information. The default is your University of Calgary e-mail address.

Course Outline: This course is a joint spring/summer independent study course for MA students. 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 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:

- May 15th, 2015: Written proposal (one-page) due
- May 25th, 2015: 10 minute introductory presentation
- June 12th, 2015: Introduction due
- June 26th, 2015: Data/Method section due
- July 10th, 2015: Preliminary results due
- July 24th, 2015: Complete paper draft due

- August 4th and 5th, 2015: Presentation of full paper
- August 14th, 2015: Complete and final paper due

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details: There are no tests for this course. For all other components, grades are awarded on a numerical (percentage) basis, then converted to letter grades.

Spring Semester	Summer Semester
Proposal – 10%	Preliminary Results – 20%
First Oral Presentation – 10%	Final Oral Presentation – 40%
Introduction – 40%	Final Paper – 40%
Data and Methods Section – 40%	

The course grade is then calculated using the weights indicated above. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will apply:

A+	95 – 100	B	73 – 76	C-	60 – 62
A	85 – 94	B-	70 – 72	D+	56 – 59
A-	80 – 84	C+	67 – 69	D	50 – 55
B+	77 – 79	C	63 – 66	F	0 – 49

A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a student to pass the course as a whole.

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 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.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Arts Students' Centre is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS102, call them at 403-220-3580 or email them at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns, including program planning and advice.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them in the MacKimmie Library Block.

- Online writing resources are available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/resources/writing-support>

Safewalk/Campus Security: 403 220 5333
Emergency Assembly Point: Professional Faculties Food Court