

Economics 693 (L01) (Research Methods II)

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Course Description:

Research Methods II will focus on developing students' skills in evaluating and presenting their own research and that of others. The course will focus on developing a research topic and an appropriate methodology, evaluating the research contributions of others, and presenting your research to a general audience. As part of the course, students are expected to attend both the Wednesday (internal) and Friday (external) the department seminars.

Course Outcomes:

The goal of this course is to provide you with the tools necessary to undertake independent research, beyond the skills developed in your courses field specific courses. In the winter, our focus will be on written and oral communication of a research question and method. Of particular importance will be the following dates when we will be having lectures and workshops (subject to change): January 15th, February 12th, March 11th, and April 8rd.

Course Outline:

The course will be divided into two broad sections. In the first section we will focus on the written presentation of a research question and method; in the second section will focus on presenting your research question and method.

Prerequisites/corequisites:

Enrollment in the MA Economics program (course-based and thesis-based)

Required Textbook(s):

None. Readings will be posted on D2L.

Recommended Textbook(s):

None.

Books on Reserve:

None.

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> through their student centre. Please note that D2L features a class e-mail list that may be used to distribute course-related information. These e-mails go to your University of Calgary e-mail addresses only.

Grade Determination/Assessment:

There are no exams for this course. Students will be evaluated based on their completion of three seminar referee reports and two research reports.

For the seminar reports, students will write reports on three papers presented in the Wednesday and Friday seminars. These reports should evaluate the paper, the presentation, and provide a thoughtful analysis of the research contributions. The reports can be submitted to the instructor at any time during the fall term but all reports must be submitted by April 27th. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Students will prepare two presentations of their research. The first will be a written presentation of their research question, outlining the research, the method, and some of the relevant literature. These will be workshopped in the lectures. The second will be a presentation of their research (PowerPoint or other means). This will include a slide deck and a 15-minute presentation in class). The presentations will be organized at the start of the term; the written components will be due April 27th. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Seminar reports (3)	40%
Research communications (2)	<u>60%</u>
	100%

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details

Department of Economics Criteria for Letter Grades. Economics professors use the following criteria when assigning letter grades:

Grade	Grade Point Value	Description
A+	4.00	Outstanding
A	4.00	Excellent-superior performance, showing-comprehensive understanding of subject matter
A-	3.70	Very good performance
B+	3.30	Good performance
B	3.00	Satisfactory performance
B-	2.70	Minimum pass for students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies
C+	2.30	All grades below "B-" are indicative of failure at the graduate level and cannot be counted toward Faculty of Graduate Studies course requirements. Individual programs may require a higher passing grade.

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

Reappraisal of Grades and Intellectual Honesty:

For reappraisal of graded term work, see Calendar I.2

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-2.html>

For reappraisal of final grade, see Calendar I.3

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-3.html>

Statement of Intellectual Dishonesty, see Calendar K.4

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-4.html>

Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct, see Calendar K.5

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-5.html>

Academic Accommodations:

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor. The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act:

Personal information is collected in accordance with FOIP. Assignments can only be returned to the student and will be accessible only to authorized faculty and staff. For more information, see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/files/legalservices/faq-students.pdf> and http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/files/legalservices/faq-faculty_0.pdf.

Internet and Electronic Communication Device information:

The use of cell phones for any purpose in class is prohibited. Computers and tablets may be used for note taking only unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Copyright Legislation:

See the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright at www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/acceptable-use-of-material-protected-by-copyright.pdf. Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy.

Important Dates:

Please check: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-schedule.html>

Student Organizations:

Faculty of Grad Studies website: <http://grad.ucalgary.ca/home>

Graduate Students Association: <http://gsa.ucalgary.ca/>

Professional Development for Grad Students

Workshops and resources can be found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/mygradskills/>

Economics Graduate Association: <http://econ.ucalgary.ca/ega/>

Student Support and Resources:

- See <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines> for information on campus mental health resources, the Student Ombuds' Office, Student Success Centre, Safewalk, and Emergency Evacuation and Assembly.
- Online writing resources are available at <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/writing-support>.
- 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.

Notes:

Students are responsible for all assigned material, e.g., supplementary material posted on D2L, regardless of whether or not the material was covered in class.

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