

Economics 711 (L12) (PhD Research Workshop I)

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Course Description:

The PhD Research Workshop (I and II) is for 3rd year and above PhD students. In this course, we will focus on developing good research and writing skills. This course will give students a forum to develop their research ideas, practice their presentation skills, and learn professional skills. We will pursue these goals through (i) workshopping research ideas and preliminary findings, (ii) writing and organizational tips to help focus one's research, and (iii) developing presentation skills. As part of the course students are expected to attend the departmental seminars (both the Friday visiting speaker seminars the internal Wednesday seminars).

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes:

The goal of this course is to develop your professional writing and presentation skills as they pertain to your research. We will be using students' current research in the course, thereby helping students complete the various written components of their degrees.

We will focus a significant portion of the course on writing and research skills as they pertain to completing your PhD degree. As part of this, the course will help students communicate their ideas towards (i) find potential advisors, (ii) identifying and assessing research contributions as appropriate for professional and research protocols, and (iii) organizing a clear and interesting paper and presentation.

Course Outline:

In this course, students will be presenting their written work to colleagues for feedback and analysis. The focus of the fall term will be on developing a clear and concise research question, an appropriate methodology, and presenting this research in a clear manner. We will be using a "writing workshop" format for much of this course wherein individuals will be discussing one another's work in class.

Prerequisites/corequisites: Enrollment in the PhD Economics program.

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 and Final Examination Details:

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

First, student will prepare a referee reports on two of the Friday visiting speaker presentations. These reports should evaluate the paper, the presentation, and provide a thoughtful analysis of the research contributions. The reports should also include a critical analysis of the methodology and suggestions for future extensions based on the presented ideas. The reports can be submitted to the instructor at any time during the fall term but all reports must be submitted by December 14th. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Second, students will submit two research reports based on topics of their own choosing. Much of the course will focus on developing these reports. While the format of these reports is open, the emphasis will be on developing a clear communication of the proposed research. Students will sign up for workshops where we will discuss drafts of these reports. The final versions of these reports will be due November 19th and December 10th. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Finally, students will make a 15-minute presentation on one of their individual research reports. These will be scheduled during the term and finals week.

Seminar reports (2)	25%
Research reports (2)	50%
Presentation (1)	<u>25%</u>
	100%

The official grading system will be used. See <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-1-1.html>. Students must receive a passing grade on each component to pass the course. As per the Writing Across the Curriculum Statement in the Calendar, writing and grading thereof will be a factor in the evaluation of student work. Any student work which remains undistributed after the last day of classes will be available to students through the instructor's office during the instructor's office hours.

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:

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy.

Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than disability should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the course instructor.

Important Dates:

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

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>.

Evacuation Assembly Point:

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The assembly point for this classroom is food court in the Professional Faculties building.

Safewalk:

The Safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus. This service is free and available 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. **Call 403-220-5333.**

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

Personal information is collected in accordance with FOIP. For more information, see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip/foip-hia>.

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.