

Graduate Research Seminar

AAEc/ECON 6004 W 4:00 - 5:30 PM, 409 Hutcheson Hall

Instructor: Dr. Christopher F. Parmeter

216-I Hutcheson Hall

Phone: 231-0770

Office Hours: By appointment

Textbook: “A guide for the young economist,” William Thomson

Course Description:

This is not an economics class. It is a class designed to teach you about presenting and critiquing research, regardless of your interests. We will discuss how exactly one should critique someone else’s work, how to present your work to other economists in your field, how to present your work to other economists not in your field, and how to write a sound journal article/referee report. This class meets once a week and gives you a chance to ask questions about issues related to finding an interesting research topic as well as to discuss your research and findings. The class is designed so that you get adequate feedback on your dissertation or thesis material. If there is enough interest the class will also deal with using LaTeX and the associated software.

Grading Policy: This class is graded as a Pass/Fail. Grading will consist of your presence in class and several assignments throughout the semester as listed below. Failure to adequately complete these assignments will result in a grade of F.

1/2 hour presentation (Masters & First Time Doctoral Candidates)

One Hour presentation (Multiple Time Doctoral Candidates)

Critique of another student’s presentation

Referee Report on paper relevant to your research topic

The referee report will be decided on by the student, however, there are several caveats. First, masters and first time doctoral candidates should select a paper that represents a seminal contribution to the field of study. For doctoral candidates taking this class past the first time the referee report should be based on a paper that is more current and represents the frontier of the field. Also, to match students based on status, masters candidates will critique masters candidates, first time doctoral candidates will critique first time doctoral candidates, etc.

Important Dates: Last day to drop with an automatic “wp”: Monday, Oct. 13. Last day to drop with a “wp” (if you are passing the class) or “wf”: Monday, November 24. **There is no final examination for this class.**

ADA Accomodations: Any student who, because of a disability, may require special arrangements in order to meet course requirements should contact me as soon as possible to make necessary arrangements. The instructor may request verification of need from the Dean of Students Office.

Additional Remarks: Cheating will not be tolerated and may result in severe academic sanctions. Disruptive talking in class will not be tolerated. On the other hand, asking and responding to questions in class is strongly encouraged.