Econ 275: Applied Micro Workshop Fall 2015 M 12:30p - 1:30p 499 Engineering 2 Building

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

To receive a passing grade all enrolled students must present original research at least 2 times during the 2015-2016 academic year. Half-hour time slots (2 per session) will be allocated to 3rd-year students, and full hour time slots will be allocated to 4th-year and above students. Any presentation in a brown bag or Department seminar also counts towards the course requirement. 2nd-year students may present and 3rd-year students may present in an hour-long time slot with a faculty recommendation.

An incomplete grade will be awarded to any student who has not yet presented in the Fall Quarter. Similarly, an incomplete grade will be awarded to any student who has not yet presented twice by the end of the Winter Quarter. Any incomplete grades will be overturned upon completion of the course requirement.

Workshop presentations should cover the following key elements:

- Economic question of interest
- Motivation for the question, including a short review of the literature and your contribution to it
- If empirical, an identification strategy for answering the question, a description of the relevant data, and preliminary results
- If theoretical, a fully-specified model and relevant comparative statics

In addition, attendance and active participation are required. To be clear, any student missing 3 or more workshops without a valid excuse will fail. We also strongly encourage all students to attend the Applied Micro/Trade Seminar Series on Tuesdays, from 2:00p-3:30p, in 499 E2.

When it is your turn to present, you must send me the **title** of your presentation and **one-sentence answers to the following questions**:

- 1. What is the research question?
- 2. How do you go about answering it? (e.g. I run a randomized controlled trial, I exploit a regression discontinuity in the asset index, I add moral hazard to the Krugman model of trade)
- 3. What is the most salient result you have so far? (If you're running an experiment and haven't run it yet, state that and say what you expect to see)