



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY

ECONOMICS

Econ 493: Seminar

FALL 2019

Lectures: Tuesdays 14:10 – 15:30 & Fridays 15:45 – 17:00

MULH 3022

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is intended to introduce students to research in the field of Economics. This is a team-taught course, with each instructor presenting material related to his or her areas of research expertise. Students will also be exposed to research done at other institutions through several visiting speakers. Students will also complete assignments throughout the course that are intended to provide guidance in completing a research project.

COURSE OUTLINE

Tuesday lectures:

Faculty will present on topics related to their fields of study and/or related to the key elements of an economic research paper. Topics outlined on the calendar below.

Friday Lectures:

Most Fridays feature a research seminar presented by StFX economists or invited economists from other universities. Some Fridays will involve seminars on graduate school and employment opportunities. A list of seminar topics is provided below.

EVALUATION

Course grades will be determined by in-class participation and assignments / presentations given during the term. Each faculty member will present on their own topic and will assign students a related exercise. Hand-out and due-dates are determined by each faculty member. The grading scheme for participation is as follows: 0 points for a missed class, 1 point for attending with little to no participation and 2 points for active participation.

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| Participation | Each lecture awarded a grade out of 2 points | 25% |
| Assignments | Each exercise assigned is worth 15% of the final grade. To be assigned in class with due dates announced at that time. One assignment given by each faculty: DA, FS, BM, PW, GT | 75% |

PRESENTATIONS (Fridays)

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| Sept 6th | Recruiting seminar – Employment opportunities with the Bank of Canada (Christopher Hajzler, Bank of Canada, International Economic Analysis) | |
| Sept 13th | Research seminar (Joniada Milla, St Mary’s University Economics) | [Education Economics] |
| Sept 20th | Research seminar (Casey Warman, Dalhousie University Economics) | [Health Economics] |
| Sept 27th | Information Session – Graduate school and SSHRC scholarship applications (Jon Rosborough, StFX Economics) | |
| Oct 11th | Research seminar (Justin Kakeu, University of PEI Economics) | [Development Economics] |
| Oct 25th | Research seminar (Fraser Summerfield, StFX Economics) | [Economic History] |
| Nov 1st | Research seminar (Patrick Withey, StFX Economics) | [Environmental Economics] |
| Nov 8th | Research seminar (Diana Alessandrini, StFX Economics) | [Macroeconomics] |
| Nov 15th | Research seminar (Brandon Malloy, StFX Economics) | [International Trade] |
| Nov 29th | Research seminar (Greg Tkacz, StFX Economics) | [Monetary Economics] |

Course Outline Calendar

September 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | Course Intro | | | Bank of Canada | |
| | | Choosing a topic | | | Seminar: J Milla [SMU] | |
| | | Choosing a topic | | | Seminar: C Warman [DAL] | |
| | | Literature Review | | | SSHRC (JR) | |
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October 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | Literature Review | | | Labour Research | |
| | | Writing a draft | | | Seminar: J Kakeu [U PEI] | |
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| | | Climate Modelling | | | Seminar: FS [StFX] | |
| | | Climate Modelling | | | | |

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November 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | Seminar: PW [StFX] | |
| | | Data and Trade | | | Seminar: DA [StFX] | |
| | | Data and Trade | | | Seminar: BM [StFX] | |
| | | New Electronic Data | | | New Electronic Data | |
| | | New Electronic Data | | | Seminar: GT [StFX] | |

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Legend:

Presentations:

Research Seminar: (Presenter) [University]

Career Event

Lecture Topics:

Dr Alessandrini How to choose a research topic

Dr Summerfield The literature review • Writing tips
Recent research in Labour Economics

Dr Malloy Tips for obtaining and working with data • Recent research in Trade

Dr Withey Economic models of the Climate and Climate Change

Dr Tkacz Working with new high-frequency electronic data sources