

Economics 493: Seminar

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Course Description:

This is a seminar course that will introduce students to current research issues in various fields of Economics, as presented by St. FX faculty and guest speakers. Students are expected to read and analyze historically significant- as well as frontier-research papers, and complete assignments related to the relevant material. They will also learn about the process of designing and completing a research project. Topics presented for 2017 include environmental economics, econometrics and international economics.

Objectives and Learning Outcomes:

- (1) To expose students to the issues being addressed on the frontiers of research in various fields of Economics
- (2) To introduce students to the research process and enable them to experience and practice all the skills necessary to complete an independent research project
- (3) To help prepare students for further higher education in economics

Prerequisites:

Permission of one of the instructors

Evaluation:

The course grade will consist of three separate components:

Assignments.....70%

SSHRC proposal.....10%

Class Participation.....20%

Course Schedule (subject to change)

September 8: Malloy

September 15: Guest Lecture- Dr. Diana Allesandria (Auburn University)

“Earnings Inequality, the Business Cycle and the Life Cycle”

September 22: SHRCC Proposals and Graduate Studies

September 29: Guest speaker- Alex Bonnyman- (Bank of Canada- Senior Analyst)

October 6: Thanksgiving holiday (No Class)

October 13: Malloy

October 20: Malloy

“The Supply Network & Price Dispersion in the Canadian Gasoline Market”

October 27: Guest Lecture- Dr. Mohammad Rahaman (Saint Mary’s University)

“The Effect of Supply Chain Power on Debt Financing”

November 3: Leo

November 10: Leo

November 17: Withey

November 24: Withey

“Managing Forests for Carbon under Risk”

December 1: Leo