

SYLLABUS FOR ECONOMICS 9940
WORKSHOP IN EXPERIMENTAL ECONOMICS
PROFESSOR JAMES C. COX

Econ 9940 is a field workshop in experimental research. This workshop is intended to:

- Support dissertation research by PhD students
- Encourage PhD students to work and interact with several faculty members on a continuing basis
- Integrate research seminar presentations in experimental economics by resident faculty and visiting scholars into the PhD field research experience
- Provide an institutionalized venue for weekly interaction among PhD students, resident faculty, and visiting scholars working on experimental research
- Prepare Ph.D. students to write and submit research papers for professional journal review

Prerequisite

The prerequisite for this workshop is Econ 9340 or permission of the instructor.

Workshop Requirements

Regular attendance and active participation in discussions of ongoing research is required. Presentation of the student's own ongoing research is required. Leading discussions of papers related to the student's research topic is required. Extensive interaction with the instructor and other students on one's own ongoing research is required. A completed research working paper by the end of the semester is required. Interaction with visiting scholars is required.

Course Grades

The course grade will be based on the student's research paper. This paper is due on the last class day of the semester.

Workshop Scheduling

The workshop will meet once per week. The meetings will be devoted to: (a) presentations of research in progress by graduate students, resident faculty, and visiting faculty; (b) discussions of published research articles and working papers; and (c) meetings in the experimental economics laboratory for development work on experimental designs and protocols.

The workshop will meet on Thursdays 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Office Hours and Contact Information

The instructor's office is room 456 of the AYSPS building, 14 Marietta Street. His office hours are 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays and other times by appointment made in class or by sending e-mail to jccox@gsu.edu.

Course Readings

Course readings will be professional journal articles, working papers, and draft materials for experiment research projects under development. These readings will be selected by resident faculty, visiting faculty, and (with Prof. Cox's approval) by participating students.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the semester, a student:

1. should have made substantial progress on a dissertation research project involving laboratory or field experiments; and
2. should have learned how to make written presentations of his/her research project in a form appropriate for submission to academic journals.