

Syllabus for Economics 9520
Advanced Experimental Economics
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Econ 9520 is a dissertation support workshop in experimental economics. This workshop is intended to:

- Expedite progress on dissertation research by PhD students
- Discuss cutting edge research on behavioral and experimental economics
- Provide a venue for greater development of a collegial community of researchers using experimental methods including graduate students, resident faculty and visiting faculty

Prerequisite

The prerequisite for this workshop is Econ 9940 or permission of the instructors. The workshop is open to PhD students at all stages in the program, from those who just completed Econ 9940 this spring through those now preparing to go on the new PhD job market.

Workshop Requirements

Workshop requirements include: active participation in discussions of research; conducting and participating in pilot experiments and discussion of experimental designs and protocols; development and presentation of the student's dissertation research; leading discussions of papers related to the student's research topic; and interaction with resident faculty, other graduate students, and visiting faculty.

A completed experimental research paper by the end of the semester is required.

Course Grades

The course grade will be based entirely on the student's research paper. The paper is due on Wednesday, December 7.

Workshop Meetings

The workshop will meet on Thursdays, 12:30 – 3:00. Meeting locations will vary because of incomplete construction of our new facilities. The location of each meeting will be included in the email detailing the topic to be covered on a given day.

Office Hours and Contact Information

The instructors' office hours are Thursdays 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and other times by appointment made in class or by sending email to jccox@gsu.edu or vsadiraj@gsu.edu.

Course Readings

Course readings will be journal articles, working papers, and draft materials for experimental research projects under development. These readings will be selected by the participating students and faculty. All readings will be distributed by email.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the semester, a student:

1. should have made substantial progress on a dissertation research chapter reporting laboratory, internet, or field experiments;
2. should have conducted pilot or IRB-approved experiment sessions with the student's dissertation topic; and
3. should have demonstrated ability to make written presentation of an original experimental research project in a form appropriate for submission to academic journals.

Additional Faculty Senate Content

Reference to the Policy on Academic Honesty (Section 409):

Statement: "Your constructive assessment of this course plays an indispensable role in shaping education at Georgia State. Upon completing the course, please take time to fill out the online course evaluation."

Statement: "Students who wish to request accommodation for a disability may do so by registering with the Office of Disability Services. Students may only be accommodated upon issuance by the Office of Disability Services of a signed Accommodation Plan and are responsible for providing a copy of that plan to instructors of all classes in which an accommodation is sought."