

BUS 486 - Senior Seminar
Spring 2013

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Course Objective: When the course is completed, successful students will have written a (nearly) publishable research paper and will have acquired an appreciation for the research production process in economics.

Attendance Policy: Class attendance is mandatory (until excused by me). You must come to every class with your laptop/reading materials and be prepared to work on your paper (either reading articles, writing, or searching libraries and the internet, online, for materials).

Working Draft: Students will develop a “working draft” of the paper consisting of, in the following order:

1. Title page with current date-first date will be January 23, 2012
2. Outline of the paper
3. Using your outline as a template, fill in what you have and hand in the “draft” as we go through the semester (See *General Paper Outline* and *Commented Draft* for guidance).

Course Deliverables:

1. A schedule from each of you showing the hours you have free each week between 7:00am and 5:00pm for which you are available for one-on-one meetings with me regarding your research.
2. A detailed outline of your research paper.
3. Starting January 23, at the beginning of each Monday class students will hand in their “working drafts.”
4. A rough draft of your research paper.
5. A final draft of your research paper.
6. A 20 minute power point presentation of your research.

Rough Drafts: I am happy to review and discuss anything you have written at any time during the semester prior to April 3rd. Hand in by Friday and we will meet during the following week to discuss.

Important Dates:

January 9	Your one-on-one meeting schedule is due.
January 16	Outline is due if you already have a topic.
January 23	Outline is due for others.
January 30	The last day to drop. At this time, students failing to make satisfactory progress will be advised to choose a different section of the course.

April 3	Rough Draft due.
April 17	Final Draft due.
April 24	Seminars/PP presentations.

Grades:

If the paper is publishable, or very nearly so, the student will receive an A in the course. If not, an appropriately lower grade will be assigned. Unexcused absences, missed deadlines, leaving class early, and late working drafts will result in a course grade reduction of 1/3 a letter (for example, from B to B-) for each absence or late day. As of the beginning of the semester, every student has an A+ in the course--don't blow it!