ECON 8209-001: Research Methods

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Course Goals

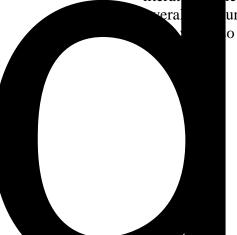
The purpose of this course is to transition you into the research phase of your doctoral studies. The primary goal is that you end this semester with a research proposal that includes:

- a) a well-specified research question;
- b) a literature review that explains the innovation and contribution of the proposed research;
- c) the proposed methodology (theoretical and/or empirical).

Course Content

The semester will consist of 6 activities:

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proposed topic and make a 20-minute presentation to the class. Ideally, the literature review will start with a well-specified research question around which you organize your literature review.

- **Proposed methodology:** Students will write a 3 to 5 page paper describing the methodology (theoretical and/or empirical, as appropriate) that will be used to answer the research question. Students should strive to be as specific as possible (e.g. actual equations). They will make a 20-minute presentation of the methodology to the class.
- 5) Final presentation and proposal: Students will use their literature review and methodology papers, and the feedback they received during the semester, to write a final proposal of 8 to 12