ECON643V - Advanced Readings in Economics
Semester - Summer 2015

Instructor (This class is being jointly taught by the faculty, but I am the coordinator)
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Course Description and Objectives

This course is designed to familiarize PhD students who have completed the first year of their degree program with various topical areas in economics. The areas selected reflect the current research interests and expertise of the faculty in the economics department. In addition to providing a broader understanding of economics, the class is intended to help students identify 1) research areas they wish to pursue with their dissertation, and 2) appropriate faculty for advising such work.

Each class meeting will focus on a different topical area. Students are expected to have completed the assigned readings prior to the class. Class time will be spent discussing the readings. While the faculty member who selected the readings will be present, students are expected to lead the discussion.

Grades and Attendance Policy

A student’s course grade will be based upon his or her contribution to the class discussion as evaluated by the faculty.

Attendance is more than being physically located in the classroom. Students should read assigned materials prior to class. Cell phones and pagers should be turned off and materials not related to this course should be put away during class. Any and all distracting activity should be avoided. Above all, members of the class are expected to behave in a professional manner. Attendance issues deemed excessive by the instructor will result in a grade sanction.

Any student that engages in academic misconduct will receive a grade of F in the course and will be reported to appropriate offices. Students are expected to be familiar with the University’s Academic Honesty Policy for Graduate Students available online at http://www.uark.edu/depts/gradinfo/dean/governance/academichonestypolicy.html.

Other

Students with disabilities who wish to request special accommodations are encouraged to contact the instructor as soon as possible.
In the event that inclement weather causes a change in the class schedule, students will receive an email from the instructor with specific directions.

Information relevant to this class will be posted at http://comp.uark.edu/~cdeck/econ643.htm. No guarantee is made that this site will contain updated information. It is the student’s responsibility to keep up with the class schedule, assignments, etc. as announced in class.