

Economics 284-285: Third Year Original Paper and Presentation Winter and Spring 2007
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Economics 284-285, the Third Year Original Paper and Presentation, is meant to help students begin their dissertation research. The course will meet periodically throughout Winter and Spring quarters as indicated below, in Winter (only) on the Mondays and Wednesdays listed below, from 8:30-9:50 a.m. in Econ 300. There will be meetings in Spring only in the last 4-5 weeks for final presentations, days and times to be announced.

Attendance is mandatory; any absences must be discussed with the instructors in advance. The deadlines are also mandatory, and no incompletes will be given.

Crawford's office hours will be Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 or by appointment. Flavin's office hours will be Mondays from 2:00 – 3:00 or by appointment.

Schedule and Requirements

Monday, January 8: first meeting. A scheduling czar will be appointed, and a sheet will be circulated for you to sign up for a time slot for the Winter (preliminary) and Spring (final) presentations. The list of dates for the presentations is on the next page. Any rescheduling of presentations after the sign ups of the first day must be cleared with the scheduling czar. (Days and times for Winter are firm; days and times for Spring will be announced, but we will follow the order determined by your sign-ups on January 8.)

Tuesday, January 16 (January 15 is a university holiday): no meeting; but proposed topics, described in enough detail (1-2 pages) that we can evaluate them, are due by 4 p.m. Students should discuss their ideas with their interim advisors beforehand, and then submit the proposal to both Crawford and Flavin by email, preferably as a text or pdf file. Those who already have a thesis essay or project close to completion are urged to take this opportunity to begin a second essay or project. If you would like to discuss this last choice with us, please do so in the first week.

Wednesday, February 21 (only if needed; February 19 is a university holiday); Monday and Wednesday, Feb. 26 and 28; Monday and Wednesday, March 5 and 7; and Monday and Wednesday, March 12 and 14: 25-minute preliminary presentations (sign-up up for slots in class Monday, January 8).

Assuming that we also meet on Mondays and Wednesdays in Spring, there will be nine days of 40-minute final presentations, on Monday and Wednesday, May 7 (only if needed) and 9; Monday and Wednesday, May 14 and 16; Monday and Wednesday, May 21 and 22; Monday and Wednesday, May 28 and 30; Monday and Wednesday, June 4 and 6.

The paper is due Friday June 8 (last day of Spring classes), by 4 p.m., submitted to both Crawford and Flavin. Crawford prefers to receive the paper by email as a pdf file (no text files, please), Flavin prefers a hard copy. There is a 5% reduction in grade for every day the paper is late, including weekends. The paper judged best by the faculty will receive the Heller Prize, and the author will be invited to present the paper to lead off next year's offering of Economics 282-283, Third Year Literature Review.

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Signups for 25-minute Winter preliminary presentations (please fill February 21 last)

Wednesday, February 21 (only if needed; fill last):

	1.	2.	3.
Monday, February 26:	1.	2.	3.
Wednesday, Feb. 28:	1.	2.	3.
Monday, March 5:	1.	2.	3.
Wednesday, March 7:	1.	2.	3.
Monday, March 12:	1.	2.	3.
Wednesday, March 14:	1.	2.	3.

Signups for 40-minute Spring final presentations (please fill May 7 last)

(Days and times will be announced, but we will follow the order determined by your sign-ups.)

Monday, May 7 (only if needed; fill last):	1.	2.
Wednesday, May 9:	1.	2.
Monday, May 14:	1.	2.
Wednesday, May 16:	1.	2.
Monday, May 21:	1.	2.
Wednesday, May 23:	1.	2.
Monday, May 28:	1.	2.
Wednesday, May 30:	1.	2.
Monday, June 4:	1.	2.
Wednesday, June 6:	1.	2.