Research Colloquium
AAE 875

Spring 2012

1 Preliminaries

Course schedule: F 1:30-4:00, B30 Taylor Hall

2 Course description

This course is intended to help you produce a dissertation proposal. The focus will be on producing a proposal for an empirical paper. We will meet once in the fall in order to discuss the process of finding a question and the expectations for the class. This course is required for AAE Ph.D. students in their third year. Grading will be conducted in conjunction with the students' major thesis advisor.

3 Loose outline

Week	Lectures/class activities	Deliverables
1	Discussion of research questions Introduction to literature search	Your APPROVED thesis question
2	Word models	Read word model example Turn in annotated bibliography with references from 10 good journals
3	Useful software: endnote/latex	Turn in word model
4	Feedback: word models	Comment on two other students' word models Find 3 papers with related models
5	TBA	Turn in basic math model
6	Feedback: math models	Comment on two other students' math models
7	Identification	Identify data set with key dependent and explanatory variables
8	Identification	Turn in challenges to identification
9	TBA	Turn in identification strategy
10	Feedback: identification	Comment on two other students' identification strategies
11	TBA	Turn in literature review
12	How to make slides	Turn in motivation/introduction
13	Feedback: lit rev & motivation	Comment on two other students' lit rev and motivation
14		Presentations
15		Presentations
16		Final proposal due