ECON 491-01 Capstone Experience in Economics

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ECON 491: CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE IN ECONOMICS
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Course Description

This course is designed to help prepare your capstone paper and presentation that are requirements of the Economics major. Throughout this course, we will discuss your individual projects and focus your Economics research paper in terms of the hypothesis, data collection and analysis, and exposition. The capstone course will also give you the opportunity to discuss your project with your colleagues, and practice your oral communication skills through mock presentations.

Grading Policy

This course will be graded on a Pass/Fail scale. In order to receive passing credit for the capstone course, you are require to: (a) submit the final draft of your capstone paper by the last day of class (April 27th); (b) satisfactorily complete the capstone presentation to the Economics Faculty; and (c) take the ETS test if you are a B.S.B.A. major in Economics.

Schedule

Week 1: February 28th
Introduction and outline of the paper/Discussion of Individual Projects

Week 2: March 13th
Discussion of Individual Projects/Retrieving Data

Week 3: March 20th or March 22nd
How to Write an Economics Capstone Paper-Doug Campbell, Federal Reserve Bank

Week 4: March 27th
Outlining your Capstone Paper

Week 5: April 3rd
Rough Draft of Paper (Introduction, Background, Theory, Data)

Week 6: April 10th
How to Prepare an Economics Presentation

Week 7 & 8: April 17th & 24th
Mock Presentations

Capstone Presentations: April 27th (Tentative)

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