Spring 2018 – ECONOMICS 402 – Capstone Seminar

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Location: MBEB 3221

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Description: ECON 401 is the Economics Department capstone course that challenges students to conduct original research. Students will identify an applied research problem, an economic model and methodology, review the literature, gather data, and run preliminary analysis. Students will be discussing the practice of research design, data collection and challenges as well as the analysis of their data. Emphasis throughout is placed on developing communication skills critical to working as an applied economist. Important note: Boise State’s Foundational Studies Program provides undergraduates with a broad-based education that spans the entire university experience.

Grading:
Paper Critique: 20%
Draft: 10%
Student Paper Critique: 20%
Final Paper: 50%

All grades will be based on a 10-point scale. Given the nature of the course, half of your final grade will be based on the final paper. Do not underestimate the amount of time necessary to produce a good paper.

Paper Critique:
As in the Fall semester, you will present a critique to a paper you used in your literature review for your work. Follow the same format.

Draft:
This semi-finished draft of your final paper. You should have well-developed section on methodology, data, model, results, and conclusion.

Student paper critique:
You will use the same technique to critique another student’s draft.

Final paper:
This is the reason you took this class. Make sure you start working on it early and feel free to submit to me earlier versions for advice. It represents half of your final grade.

Course Schedule

January

8 - Attendance required

15 - No class, MLK Day

22 - Attendance not required

29 - Attendance not required

February

5 - Paper review presentations - Attendance required

12 - Paper review presentations - Attendance required

19 - No class,Pres. Day

26 - Attendance not required.

March

5 - Final draft due - Attendance not required

12 - Critique of draft of another student presentation- Attendance required

19 - Critique of draft of another student presentation- Attendance required

26 - Spring Break - No class

April

2 - Final papers due - Attendance required

9 - Paper presentations, open to the public - Attendance required

16 - Paper presentations, open to the public - Attendance required

23 - Paper presentations, open to the public - Attendance required