

**Economics 8209- Research Methods**  
**Fall 2008, Mon/Wed 10:30-11:45, ECON 5**

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## **Course Schedule**

Aug 25, 27; Sept 3, 8, 10: Introductory Lectures

Before class on Sept 8, students should:

- 1) Read set of literature reviews distributed on first day of class
- 2) Read McKinnish, T. "Importing the Poor: Welfare Magnetism and Cross-Border Welfare Migration." *Journal of Human Resources*, Winter 2005. (also on my web site)

Before class on Sept 10, students should:

- 1) Read Fisman et al., "Gender Differences in Mate Selection: Evidence from a speed-dating experiment." *QJE*, May 2006.
- 2) Prepare draft of presentation slides for Fisman et al. (up to presentation of results) to discuss in class in groups.

Sept 15, 17: No Class, Office Hours. All students must meet with me during this week to discuss the status of their search for an advisor and topic.

Sept 22, 24, 29, Oct 1: Paper presentations. Students attend all presentations.

Oct 6,8: No Class, Office Hours. Feel free to come by with questions.

Oct 13, 14, 20, 22: Literature review presentations. Students attend all presentations. Written literature review due to me Oct 22.

Oct 27, 29; Nov 3, 5: No Class. Office Hours on Nov 3 and 5.

Nov 10, 12, 17, 19: Methodology presentations. Students attend all presentations. Written Methodology sections due to me Nov 19.

Dec 1-12: Final 30 min presentations to me and your advisors. Can be scheduled during or outside class time. Final proposals due to me Dec 10.

## **Grades**

The primary determinant of your grade will be the quality of your final paper and presentation; however, your performance on the earlier components of the semester will also be factored into your grade.

## **Class Presentations**

Presenters should get to the classroom 10 minutes early so that their presentations are loaded on the laptop and the projector is up and running by the start of class.