

## COURSE EVALUATION:

During the course of the semester there will be a number of assignments to enhance your research, writing, and communication skills in economics and to prepare you for writing and presenting an applied economics research paper. Late assignments will be assessed with a 20% deduction per 24 hours of the deadline. If you know ahead of time that you are not going to be in class, simply turn your assignment in advance. It is your responsibility to make sure that I receive your assignment by the deadline. You must present and submit your research paper to complete the course.

You will make several presentations throughout the semester. You are required to attend and provide feedback for all peer presentations. Excused absences and unforeseen emergencies will be given consideration.

Grades will be based on your performance as followed (total 100%):

### Developmental Assignments (35%)

- Referee Report
- Summary Report
- Summary Report Presentation
- Literature Review Draft
- Empirical Framework Draft
- Initial Results Presentation
- Empirical Results Draft

### Contributory Assignments (21%)

- Summary Report Presentation Peer Critique
- Summary Report Presentation Self Critique
- Initial Results Presentation Peer Critique
- Research Paper Presentation Peer Critique
- Professionalism

### Mastery Assignments (44%)

- Creative Collaboration
- Research Paper Draft
- Final Research Paper

The course is structured as a learning process with guidance and feedback from me as well as your peers. The 'Developmental Assignments' are opportunities to receive feedback as you reach the various milestones in the research process. As the focus of these assignments are feedback and development, the grading will be a check for meeting the assignment expectations (see rubric), check plus (exceeding), or check minus (approaching). An 'average' of checks for this section of the course evaluation will equate to 100% of the 35% weight in the course grade.

The 'Contributory Assignments' are your opportunities to assist your peers (and yourself) by providing feedback on their presentations. Your constructive feedback will be shared anonymously.

The scaffolding of the 'Developmental' and 'Contributory' assignments will lead to the 'Mastery Assignments.' Through each iteration, you will receive feedback, which will assist in finalizing your research paper.