

Dissertation Writing in Economics

Fudan University

Department: School of Economics

Course Code	ECON130252		
Course Title	Dissertation Writing in Economics		
Credit	4	Credit Hours	72
Course Nature	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific General Education Courses <input type="checkbox"/> Core Courses <input type="checkbox"/> General Education Elective Courses <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Courses in General Discipline <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Compulsory Courses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional advanced Courses <input type="checkbox"/> Others		
Course Objectives	We will approach each subject from both theoretical and applied perspectives. In general, instructors will provide the general guidance for each subject. Students and Instructor together will work on some specific examples or cases to practice general guidance. Given that the course will heavily rely on on-site discussion, so that the participation is strongly encouraged. Note that the previous writing or presentation experience is not required: if you have taken writing or presentation in general, you will benefit more by specific subjects in Economics.		
Course Description	This is a course of Dissertation Writing in Economics. This course is designed to help the undergraduate students to make a transition from coursework to paper writing. It is targeted to the advanced level students and even the Master & PhD level students. The course will address topics and questions such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is a good topic? How to choose a good topic?• How to read the literature? Where can you find it• How to write a paper in Economics field?• How to present the papers?• How to publish and revise a paper?		
Course Requirements: Prerequisites: None			

Teaching Methods:

Lecture, presentation, group discussion

Instructor's Academic Background:

Zhou Yu

Ph.D.in Economics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2014

M.A. in Statistics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2011

M.A. in Economics University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2009

M.A. in Economics, Peking University, 2007

B.A. in Architectural History Peking University, 2004

Members of Teaching Team

Name	Gender	Professional Title	Department	Responsibility
Zhou Yu	Female	Lecturer	Economics	

Course Schedule**Topic 1: How to Choose a Topic (2 weeks)**

1.1 Overview

1.2 Introduction to Economics and Business Journals

1.3 Topics in Most Cited Papers

1.4 Available Sources

Materials:

1.1-1 Greif, A. and Tabellini, G., 2010. Cultural and institutional bifurcation: China and Europe compared. *The American economic review*, 100(2), pp.135-140.

Topic 2: Literature Review (2 weeks)

2.1. Literature Review: Format and Function

2.2. Literature Review: Available Sources, Search Engine and Electronic Database

Topic 3: Main Content (6 weeks)

3.1. Overview

3.2. Model: Notations, Format and Function

3.3. Methodology: Types and Format

3.4. Results and Result Analysis:

○ Presentation of Results: Tables and Figures

○ Result Analysis: what and how to discuss

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Result Comparison with existing literature <p>3.5. Introduction and Conclusion: Format and Function</p> <p>3.6. Abstract and Acknowledgement</p> <p>Topic 4: Publication and Revision (2weeks)</p> <p>4.1. Overview: Where, How and When</p> <p>4.2. Revision: how to write a referee report and how to respond to referee</p> <p>Topic 5: Presentation (2 weeks)</p> <p>5.1. Overview: Audience, Content and Format</p> <p>5.2. Practical guidance</p> <p>Final Exam</p>
<p>The design of class discussion or exercise, practice, experience and so on:</p> <p>Lecture, paper</p>
<p>Grading & Evaluation (Provide a final grade that reflects the formative evaluation process):</p> <p>Participation: 30%</p> <p>Homework: 10%</p> <p>Midterm: 30%</p> <p>Final: 30%</p> <p>Passing grade: 60, below 60 = fail</p>
<p>Teaching Materials & References:</p> <p>Mainly Lecture Notes;</p> <p>John M. Swales and Christine Feak, Academic Writing for Graduate Student: Essential Tasks and Skills, University of Michigan Press, 2012</p>

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