



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/2016

DRE 7022 Research Seminar in Economics

Programme

Specialization course

Responsible for the course

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Department

Department of Economics

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

6

Language of instruction

English

Introduction

This course provides a venue in which to develop PhD students' presentation skills and debate work in progress for PhD students in economics in the second year and above. The workshop emphasizes the development of dissertation proposals and is a place where students can present their research to an audience of dedicated and informed peers. Faculty members with research interests matching the topic of the presenters will also provide feedback both on presentation and substance.

Learning outcome

After taking this course, students should have improved their presentation skills and learned how to give and receive feedback. The presentation of dissertation work will help students towards completion of their PhD.

Prerequisites

Admission in the PhD Programme is a general requirement for participation in PhD courses at BI Norwegian Business School.

Compulsory reading

Other:

Background material (papers / research proposals) will be sent out before each session. Students should read through the materials and prepare questions in advance.

Recommended reading

Course outline

The Department of Economics has monthly sessions of 90 minutes that the candidates are expected to participate in. This compulsory course for PhD candidates at the Department of Economics will run every semester. During these sessions, the candidate is expected to present his/her work twice. The first presentation should be before the pre-doc and based on research in the early stages. This presentation could, for example, be based on a research idea that has not yet been spelled out in a paper.

A candidate should sign up for the course when he/she is close to completing his/her dissertation and will reach the goal of participating in eight compulsory sessions. During the course, the candidate is expected to participate actively in the sessions and present a second time, this time a polished paper, (a practice job talk).

Junior visiting scholars may also give talks in this research seminar series.

Computer-based tools

Learning process and workload

A course of 6 ECTS credits corresponds to a workload of 160-180 hours.

Coursework requirements

None

Examination

The course grade will be based on the following activities and weights:

50% class participation

50% presentation.

Examination code(s)

70221 continuous assessment accounts for 100% of the final grade in the course DRE 7022. Graded Pass/fail according to active participation and presentation of his/her own dissertation work.

Examination support materials

Re-sit examination

Additional information

Honour Code

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