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Subject: Fields requirement for graduate students getting a PhD in economics.

Students must show mastery of two subfields in economics by taking a two-course sequence (possibly including independent reading courses) and writing a sole-authored research paper in each field. Each paper must be approved by two faculty supervisors chosen by the student. The faculty supervisors attest that the paper represents the student's independent ideas and research. In order to be judged as making normal progress in the Economics Ph.D. program, one field paper must be completed and approved by the end of the Summer Quarter of the second year and the second paper completed and approved by the end of the Summer Quarter of the third year. Note that in practice many second year field papers are completed at the end of the fall quarter of the third year and many third year papers are completed at the end of the fall quarter in the fourth year.

Below the fields are listed and the courses which qualify for each field. I have also listed the faculty 'normally' expected to supervise papers in these fields. If graduate students would like to qualify for a field not on this list they can appeal to the DGS for an exception and propose alternative courses to satisfy the field requirement. The petition requires a letter of support from a faculty. The DGS will inform the student if the acceptance is granted.

Note in the future fields will be added if approved by the DGS

Game theory and mechanism design

Econ 243A-B ADV GAME THEORY I & II

Faculty: Mcbride, Kopolov, Carvalho, Choi, Garfinkel

Game theory students are encouraged to also take Econ 219 BEHAVIORAL DEC THRY, Econ 229 SOCIAL DYNAMICS, Econ 219 MEANINGFULNESS THRY

Econometrics

Econ 223A DISCRT CHOICE ECON

Econ 229 PANEL DATA

Econ 229 CAUSAL INFERENCE

Econ 229 BIG DATA

Econ 224A TIME SERIES ECNMTRC

Econ 229 TOPICS IN ECONOMETR

Faculty: Dong, Jeliaskov, Lee, Harding, Milani, Chen

Experimental economics

Econ 227A-B EXPERIMENTL ECON I & II

Faculty: Duffy, McBride

Economic History

Econ 233 EUROPEAN ECON HIST,

Econ 232 BUSINESS CYCLE HIST,

Econ 234 AMERICAN ECON HIST

Faculty: Bogart, Richardson, Vellore

Macroeconomics

Econ 263A-B ADV MACROECONOMC I & II,

Econ 269 MACRO & FINANCE,

Econ 269 MACRO OF LABOR MRKT,

Econ 232 BUSINESS CYCLE HIST

Faculty: Swanson, Branch, Milani, Richardson, Rocheteau

Monetary Economics

Econ 260A-B MONETARY ECON I & II

Faculty: Swanson, Branch, Milani, Choi, Richardson, Rocheteau

Transportation economics

Econ 282 A-B TRANSPORTATION ECON I & II,

Econ 289 SP TPCS URBN TRANSP

Econ 223A DISCRT CHOICE ECON

Econ 249 ENERGY ECONOMICS

Faculty: Brueckner, Bogart, Cohen

Labor economics

Econ 259 LABOR ECONOMICS,

Econ 251A-B-C LABOR ECONOMICS I, II, & III

Faculty: Neumark, Clark, Dong

Labor Students are encouraged to take ECON 249: Advanced Methods for Applied Microeconomics, Econ 249 ECONOMIC DATA.

Public economics

Econ 272A-B PUBLIC ECONOMICS I & II

Faculty: Brueckner, Freedman

Political economy

Econ 279 A ST: POL ECON,
Econ 270A-B-C POLITICAL ECON I & II & III
Econ 279 ECON IDENTITY&CULTURE
Econ 275 economics of government

Faculty: Garfinkel, Skaperdas, Bogart, Glazer, Carvalho

Industrial Organization

Econ 241A B INDUSTRIAL ORG I & II,
Econ 249 ENERGY ECONOMICS

Faculty: Chen, Cohen, Choi

Urban economics

Econ 281A-B URBAN ECONOMICS I & II

Faculty: Brueckner, Freedman

International

Econ 261A INTL TRADE I,
Econ 269 INTERNATIONAL MACRO, Open Economy Macroeconomics

Faculty: Ranjan, Rodriguez-lopez