

Economics PhD Second-Year Research Paper Guidelines

Students will produce a formal written proposal for a second year paper, which will be approved by the student's Working Group Faculty Advisor.

1. Submitting a Proposal

A student's proposal for a research paper must do the following:

- a. Articulate a research question of interest and the methodological approach.
- b. Specify what data and other resources are required to execute the proposal, and how these resources will be obtained.
- c. Be submitted to the Faculty Advisor of the student's Working Group by the last day of classes in the Spring quarter of the second year.
- d. Written proposals will be graded by the Faculty Advisor, and must receive a passing grade of B or above.

If the proposal does not receive a passing grade, students will be placed on academic warning and will have to resubmit a revised proposal at a later deadline. If the revised proposal still does not receive a passing grade, students will be placed on academic probation.

2. Submitting the Research Paper

Students will turn in a final version of their second-year paper by the end of the fall quarter of their third year. These papers will be independently graded by the student's Working Group Faculty Advisor along with an anonymous reviewer assigned by the Economics Department.

Students who do not earn a passing grade of B or above will be placed on academic warning and will need to resubmit their revised research paper at a later deadline. If the revised paper still does not receive a passing grade, students will be placed on academic probation.

Students on academic warning will receive detailed written comments from the reviewer of their paper.

Students have until two weeks before the end of winter quarter of their third year to implement the revisions in order to earn a passing grade. The revised paper will be reviewed by the original faculty members and must receive a passing grade to complete this requirement.

Failure to receive a passing grade on the resubmission of the second year paper, will cause the student to be placed on academic probation.

To lift academic probation, students must fulfil the second year paper requirement.