

# PhD Seminar 1

## Econ 770

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### **Course Objectives**

This is the first of two-course sequence 770 and 771. In the end of this year, you will need to have completed your Third Year Paper and your presentation of the paper to the department (April 2022).

The first course is an initiation to research, which includes identifying a research question, reviewing relevant existing work, and developing important skills for a successful career as a researcher in economics such as intellectual curiosity, oral and written communication, and presentation.

**Requirements:** Previous completion of all comprehensive and field examinations.

**Course grading:** Pass/Fail.

The grade will be based on the presentation of your research project during the last week of classes as well as your presentations and class participation during the year as well.

Presentations of your research project will be in front of your advisors and colleagues in the field.

If you miss a scheduled presentation, it will only be rescheduled if a valid medical note is provided within 48h.

In the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond the University's control, the content and/or evaluation scheme in this course is subject to change.

### **Complementary Activities:**

Intellectual curiosity can be nourished by attending seminars (in your area of research and outside, in the economics department and outside of the department of economics, at McGill and outside McGill).

You are expected to attend all departmental seminars as well as other scientific activities, see

<https://www.aeaweb.org/resources/online-seminars>.

Attending scientific events also allows you to get familiar with different presentation strategies, weaknesses and strengths as well as gives you a chance to chat with other researchers and communicate your ideas to other specialists.

Depending on your advancement, you may use this class to write a research project for a fellowship application such as SSHRC.

**Required official statements:**

- McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore, all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures (see [www.mcgill.ca/integrity](http://www.mcgill.ca/integrity) for further information).
- According to Senate regulations, instructors are not permitted to make special arrangements for final exams. Please consult the calendar, section 4.7.2.1, General University Information and Regulations, at [www.mcgill.ca](http://www.mcgill.ca).
- In accord with McGill University's Charter of Students' Rights, students in this course have the right to submit in English or in French any written work that is to be graded.