

## APPLIED PROJECT (ECON 596) PROCEDURES/CHECKLIST

- Select a topic and find a project supervisor (faculty)
  - Choose either 6-hour or 3-hour credit
  - 6-hour credit requires supervisor and 2 additional committee members; presentation/defense of project to entire committee
  - 3-hour credit requires supervisor and defense of supervisor's choosing
- Submit/Defend outline of the proposed project
  - **Must submit a proposal outline to supervisor/committee**
  - Outline should be apx. 1-2 pages in length and describe nature of the research, preliminary data and data model, and provide at least 3 citations to relevant literature (if you change your mind, a new proposal is required)
  - Must receive approval of proposal from supervisor/committee
- Register for Econ 596 in desired semester
  - Email Dr. Goff/Ms. Braun to be included in section of class
  - Summer registration (July) is typical; spring enrollment only in special cases;
- Execute/Defend project to committee/economics faculty
  - Stay in contact with supervisor regarding progress
  - Submit draft to committee at least two weeks prior to planned defense
  - Revise based on faculty comments/establish defense date
  - You may request an "incomplete" grade if project is not finished at end of credit semester, but you must complete by end of next full length semester

**General:** An applied project is a (normally) a makes empirical application of an economics-related topic and theory. The nature of the empirical methods employed can vary as appropriate to the topic.

The subject matter is open, but you are strongly encouraged to consider a "replication-based" study that uses the empirical framework and data from an existing empirical study and then analyzes and augments it (considering new measurement of key variables, inclusion of new variables, alternative estimation design, new post-estimation techniques, comparisons to related studies, extension of sample, and so on).

Literature references to related works do not have to be comprehensive (including every related piece no matter how tentatively connected); however, they should be extensive and include important contributions, including recent updates.

Examples of well-executed studies are available on the Applied Economics website.