

APPLIED PROJECT (ECON 596) PROCEDURES/CHECKLIST

- Select a topic and find a project supervisor (faculty)
 - Project should involve quantitative applications
- With supervisor, find two additional faculty committee members
- Submit/Defend outline of the proposed project
 - Must submit a proposal at least one month prior to last day of finals at the end semester in which you will complete 24 hours
 - 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)
 - All proposals will be defended on a common day in the last two weeks of the semester
- Register for Econ 596 in desired semester
 - Email Dr. Goff/Ms. to be included in section of class
 - Semester of recorded credit is up to you
- 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 quantitative application of an economics-related topic and theory.

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.