



B.E. International Program

Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University



Course Outline

EE479

Seminar in Human Resources, Natural Resources and Environmental Economics Semester 2/2017

Number of Credits	3 credits
Lecture Time and Venue	Wednesday, 11.00-14.00 hrs, Room 203, Faculty of Economics
Lecturer and Office Hours	Assistant Professor Dr. Kaewkwan Tangtipongkul Room 458, TBA email: kaewkwan@econ.tu.ac.th
Prerequisites	Completing at least two 400-level courses in human resource Economics or completing at least two 400-level courses in natural resource Economics, and environmental Economics.

Course Description Seminar and research on specific topics in Human Resources, Natural Resources and environmental Economics - under supervision and guidance of the lecturer.

Objectives

The main objective of this class is to allow students to practice 4 types of research-related skills, i.e.:

1. Academic Paper Reading Skills: understanding and identifying the main messages; evaluating the suitability/correctness of the framework and/or methodology of the study; evaluating the appropriateness of information source or information collection method.
2. Research Conducting Skills: formulating research question(s); identifying the scope of the research; selecting theoretical framework and analytical tools; conducting the research; analyzing and interpreting research results.
3. Academic Paper Writing Skills: designing the structure of the paper; writing each component; synthesizing and summarize the research results; citation and reference.
4. Research Presentation Skills: preparing; presenting; participating in academic discussion constructively.

Assessments

Since this course is designed for students to integrate their knowledge in the field through research, there is no examination whatsoever. Assessments are based on the students' ability to conduct research independently under instructor's supervision. Assignments would be given throughout the course to build up student's research skills as well as to guide his/her research enquiry. At the end of the semester, each student is expected to deliver one independent term paper with the length of not exceeding 32 pages (A4, *inclusive*).

News/Tentative Topic/Search Results/Research Idea/Comments on Colleague	10%
Thesis Summary and Comments	7.5% (not > 8 pages)
Literature Review	7.5% (not > 12 pages)
Research Proposal	10% (not > 16 pages)
Draft Final Report	10% (not > 32 pages)
Final Report	30% (not > 32 pages)
Class Presentations	15%
Class Participation	10%

(Class Participation credit: April 25, May 2, May 9, 2018)

Tentative Schedule of Class Activity

Date	Activity
10 Jan 2018	Introduction, Course description, Basic suggestions on doing research
17 Jan 2018	Present #1 PPT on Human Resources and Environmental News Discuss possible research topic with instructor
7 Feb 2018	Present #2 PPT on Tentative Research Topics + Introduction + Objective + Literature review + Limitation of the existing paper + Contribution of your paper <u>Submit Tentative Research Topics with summary/analysis of at least 4 papers and bibliography by email</u>
14 Feb 2018	Training on Statistics part I
21 Feb 2018	Research Frontier in Human Resources Economics, Natural Resources and Environmental Economics (Guest Lecturer)
28 Feb 2018	Research Frontier in Human Resources Economics (Guest Lecturer)
7 March 2018	Class activity Discuss research progress with instructor
21 March 2018	Present #3 PPT on Research Proposal <u>Submit Comments on colleague's proposal</u> by email
28 March 2018	Present #3 PPT on Research Proposal <u>Submit Comments on colleague's proposal</u> by email
4 April 2018	Present #3 PPT on Research Proposal <u>Submit Comments on colleague's proposal</u> by email Class activity: Writing an abstract + Polish your final draft PPT Discuss research progress with instructor
18 April 2018	Submit your final draft by April 17, 2018 before noon ☺

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	Discuss research progress with instructor Progress Report (progress on work that has been done, problem encountered, further plan, scope of research adjustment)
25 April 2018	Present#4 Final Draft + Comments on colleague's Final Draft (25 minutes each person) Submit Comments on colleague's Final Draft by email
2 May 2018	Present#4 Final Draft + Comments on colleague's Final Draft (25 minutes each person) Submit Comments on colleague's Final Draft by email
9 May 2018	Best Seminar Paper Event (9 a.m.-noon) Make up class for May 16th, 2018 (1-4 p.m.) Final paper presentation (10 mins) + Discuss research progress with instructor Submit your final report by May 25th, 2018

Notes

1. For all presentation, the presenter should provide a copy of PowerPoint handout (PDF file by email is acceptable) for instructor.
2. Submission of all works should be done both in electronic (via email) and hard-copy forms – except for the ones with the “by email” note.
3. We will emphasize resource conservation over artistic looks. There is no need for a printed cover page, plastic cover, or blank page(s) on any of the work. The instructor would prefer, however, that students add their names and IDs on the top right corner of the first page (for easy identification and grading). The only exception is the “Final Report”, which should have a printed cover page.

Suggested Sources for Human Resources, Natural Resources and environmental Economics News

- Google Newsstand
- <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment>
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science_and_environment/
- <http://www.nytimes.com/pages/science/earth/index.html>
- <http://www.climatecentral.org/news>
- <http://e360.yale.edu/>
- <http://www.wri.org/blog>
- http://www.onep.go.th/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=72%3A2010-10-08-06-35-05&Itemid=266&format=feed&type=rss
- <http://www.measwatch.org/term/7>
- <http://www.isranews.org/thaireform-news-environment.html>
- <http://www.isranews.org/thaireform-data-environment.html>
- <http://www.isranews.org/community/comm-news/comm-environment.html>
- <http://news.thaipbs.or.th/envnews>

Suggested Sources for Data and info related to Human Resources, Natural Resources and environmental Economics

- [http:// nso.go.th](http://nso.go.th)
- www.nesdb.go.th
- <http://www.mol.go.th/academician/news-1>
- <http://www.bot.or.th/Thai/Statistics/ContactPerson/Pages/Contact.aspx>
- <http://data.un.org>
- <http://www.onec.go.th>