

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPLIED MICRO FIELDS, 2016-2017 LABOR AND POPULATION AND PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMICS

There are 2 fields in Applied Micro: The **Labor field** and **Population field**.

Students who plan to specialize in Applied Micro are strongly encouraged to take all Applied Micro courses.

Course Offerings

Labor Economics Field

- 232M. Topics in Econometrics
(Winter 17, Moshe Buchinsky)
- 261A. Labor Economics I
(Fall 16, Maurizio Mazzocco)
- 261B. Labor Economics II
(Winter 17, Till von Wachter)
- 262A. Topics in Labor Economics
(Spring 17, Rodrigo Pinto)
- 262B. Topics in Labor Economics (4)
(Spring 17, Youssef Benzarti)

Population and Public Sector Economics Field

- 232M. Topics in Econometrics
(Winter 17, Moshe Buchinsky)
- 262F. Topics in Labor Economics: Public Sector Microeconomics
(Winter 17, Edward Kung)
- 262P. Topics in Labor Economics
(Fall 16, Adriana Lleras-Muney)

Required courses in either field: Students are required to take 2 courses in their field, and Applied Econometrics.

NOTE: It is strongly recommended that students who wish to specialize in Applied Micro choose one of the following options. **Either**, take both Applied fields **or** take one Applied field and pick courses from the other Applied Micro field as part of the breadth option.

Requirements

In either field;

- **Course work:** Students must pass a total of 3 courses with a grade of a B or better. An econometrics course must be one of the 3 courses.
- **Second year paper:** Every student must write an **empirical paper** by the end of the second year and receive a passing grade. The topic can be chosen from any of the courses taught in the Applied fields. Students enrolled in both Applied fields need only write one empirical paper. A separate memo lists the requirements and deadlines for the second year paper.
- **Proseminar presentation:** Each student must present his/her second year paper in the Proseminar.
- **Field exam:** Every student must pass a **second year field exam** in those fields in which he or she is enrolled. Each field exam will consist of multiple sections.
- **Students taking both Applied Fields.** If you take both applied fields, then the econometrics course counts towards both fields. In other words, you can take 5 courses (2 labor, 2 population, and 1 metrics) and satisfy the requirements. Similarly if you take both fields, you only need to write one paper.
- **ATC:** Students who have not completed all of their field requirements successfully will not be allowed to pass their ATC. In other words, you must have received a passing grade in the second year paper and in all the second year field exams before the ATC.

Students must receive a passing grade in BOTH the paper and the field exam(s). Students who fail either requirement will not be allowed to continue in the Ph.D. program.

Additional Guidelines

- Every student must choose an advisor to guide them in writing their empirical paper which will be the basis for the oral examination to advance to candidacy at the end of the second year. After the second year students are strongly advised to always work under the supervision of at least one faculty member and to have a main advisor.
- Students must present a paper **each year** in the proseminar, starting in the second year.
- Students are required to attend the applied micro seminar and the applied proseminar. Students cannot present their second year papers in the proseminar in subsequent years, unless they have made large substantive changes to the work AND obtain prior approval from their advisor.

Applied Micro Faculty

The following faculty areas are part of the applied micro faculty and can serve as advisors in the Applied Micro field:

Leah Platt Boustan, Moshe Buchinsky, Edward Kung, Adriana Lleras-Muney, Aprajit Mahajan, Maurizio Mazzocco, Kathleen McGarry, Rodrigo Pinto, Till von Wachter