

Research for Undergraduate and Master Students

Conditions:

- RA positions are not available for Undergraduate and Master students (those positions require to have taken PhD level courses)
- Research may be conducted within courses for credits (e.g. directed research for credit, Master's thesis, Honors thesis). However, I do not advise research for credit that is graded by a third party.
- Topics of research are selected and offered by me. Topics are not always available. Contact me as early as possible to check for possibilities. They are typically simple assignments and they are related to my current research projects.

Philosophy:

The concepts of undergraduate and master research are misleading as students in these programs did not take PhD level courses and do not have the prerequisites to conduct research per se. Under my advisement, students can learn how research is usually conducted by faculty and participate to the research effort. The findings obtained within the research assignment can then be used to write an independent essay.

Prerequisites:

Undergraduate students must have taken ECON 480 (with me as instructor) and obtained at least A-. Depending on the assignment, I will also require students to have already taken ECON 404 as well as mathematics and econometrics classes (and to have obtained good grades in those classes), or to know how to program in JAVA.

Master students must have taken ECON 537 (with me as instructor) and obtained at least A- in that class.

Research areas: Experimental Economics, Neuroeconomics, Behavioral Economics, Industrial Organization.

Examples of assignments:

- Collection of evidence (e.g. pricing strategy or actual prices in a given market)
- Literature review of non technical research papers
- Programming for a computerized experiment
- Basic statistics on experimental data