

ECON
492

SENIOR SEMINAR

Global Poverty, Intervention, and Evaluation



This senior seminar challenges students to evaluate issues around poverty in the developing world. After reviewing the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), students are asked to evaluate the progress made by a country of their choice towards select SDGs. The central activity of the seminar is the completion by each seminar participant of a written proposal of an intervention plan to address an issue related to global poverty. To help motivate the intervention and complete the project, students (through multiple submissions) will:

- evaluate, summarize, and analyze economic data
- review professional economic research publications
- create a detailed report on the intervention plan
- provide a methodological framework to evaluate the effects of the intervention, and
- create an oral presentation of the plan

This fast-paced online course is challenging and time intensive. Good results require significant amounts of intense effort and self- discipline.

Registration Information

Senior Seminar: SUMMER 2021 (May 17, 2021 – July 21, 2021)

ECON 492.801 (CRN: 46640) and ECON 492.401 (CRN: 46338)

This is an online course, not to be confused with “remote instruction.”

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Prerequisites: Senior status, ECON 304, ECON 306, and ECON 335 (or concurrent registration)