

Econ 305: Peer Leadership in Economics

Research Paper Topic Idea Assignment

This assignment consists of a typed description of **at least three potential hypotheses** to examine during the ECNS 305 class this semester. If you do a poor job selecting a topic, your paper will not be of high quality and you will not learn as much from the project as you could.

For each hypothesis you propose, you should

1. Explicitly state the **cause** and **effect** relationship you are interested in researching and state why the hypothesis is important
2. Describe a potential ideal randomized controlled experiment that could measure the causal effect
3. Describe potential data (existing or obtainable during the semester) with which to test your hypotheses