

Requirements for the Applied Micro Fields
Labor and Public Sector Economics

There are 2 fields in applied micro: The **labor field** and **Public Sector Economics field**.

Students who plan to specialize in applied micro are strongly encouraged to take all applied micro courses.

1. Course Offerings in the Applied Micro Fields 2009-2010

1. Labor and Public Sector Economics Field

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| 1. 261A | Labor I | Fall |
| 2. 261B | Labor II | Winter |
| 3. 262A | Topics in Labor Economics | Spring |
| 4. | Applied econometrics / Other Econometrics course | |

2. Public Sector Economics field

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| 1. 262P | Population, Health and the Public Sector | Fall |
| 2. 262F | Public Sector Microeconomics | Spring |
| 3. | Applied econometrics / Other Econometrics course | |

Required courses in either field: Students are required to take 2 courses in their field, and Applied Econometrics or an alternative econometrics course. Not all courses are offered every year.

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.

2. Requirements in the Applied Micro Fields 2010-2011

In either field;

1. **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 three courses.
2. **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.
3. **Proseminar presentation:** Each student must present his second year paper in the Proseminar.
4. **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.
5. **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.

3. Additional guidelines for students in Applied micro

1. 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.
2. Students must present a paper **each year** in the proseminar, starting in the second year.
3. 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.

4. Applied Micro Faculty

The following faculty areas are part of the applied micro faculty and can served as advisors in the Applied Micro Field.

Labor: Leah Platt Boustan, Dora Costa, Moshe Buchinsky, Maria Casanova, Maurizio Mazzocco.

Public sector economics Field: Adriana Lleras-Muney, Dayanand Manoli, Kathleen McGarry.