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**
- 262A. Topics in Labor Economics (Fall 14, Maria Casanova)
- 261B. Labor Economics II (Winter 15, Till von Wachter)
- 261A. Labor I (Fall 14, Maurizio Mazzocco)
- 232M. Applied Econometrics (Fall 14, Moshe Buchinsky)

**Population and Public Sector Economics Field**
- 262P. Population Health Economics (Fall 14, Adriana Lleras-Muney)
- 262F. Dynamic Contracts and Social Insurance (Winter 15, Edward Kung)
- 287C. Topics in Development Economics (Spring 15, David Atkin)
- 232M. Applied Econometrics (Fall 14, Moshe Buchinsky)

**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 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:

David Atkin, Leah Platt Boustan, Moshe Buchinsky, Maria Casanova, Edward Kung, Adriana Lleras-Muney, Aprajit Mahajan, Maurizio Mazzocco, Kathleen McGarry, Till von Wachter