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Econ 712: Empirical Industrial Organization

The course provides a graduate-level introduction to the topics and methods of Empirical Industrial Organization (IO). It is designed to provide a broad introduction to topics and industries that current researchers are studying as well as to expose students to a wide variety of techniques. It will start the process of preparing economics Ph.D. students to conduct thesis research in the area, and may also be of interest to doctoral students in other fields.

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Textbooks: There is no textbook for this course.

For coverage of theoretical principles (that I will rely on, but not cover in any detail) see:

J. Tirole, The Theory of Industrial Organization, MIT, 1988. (Tirole).

For a broader coverage of empirical and public policy issues, you should also read:

- D. Carlton and J. Perloff, *Modern Industrial Organization*, 4th ed., Pearson, 2005.
- K. Viscusi, J. Vernon and J. Harrington, *Economics of Regulation and Antitrust*, 4th ed., MIT, 2005.

You also might want to read several of the surveys in:

- R. Schmalensee and R. Willig, eds., *Handbook of Industrial Organization*, Volumes 1 and 2 North-Holland, 1989. (*HIO*).
- M. Armstrong and R. Poter, eds., *Handbook of Industrial Organization*, Volume 3, North-Holland, 2007.

The two chapters from the *Handbook of Econometrics*, in the first section below, are probably the closest thing to a textbook for the material I will cover.

Evaluation: Grading will be based on several problem sets and an exam.

The reading list below covers a variety of topics. We will not have time to cover all these topics, or to cover all the papers in the topics we do cover. The list is meant as a future reference guide as much as it is meant as a guide to what we will cover. Starred items are most likely going to be covered in class (or are the place to start for topics we will not cover. We will not discuss all of the papers on the reading list, however, *I expect you to read all of the papers we discuss in detail in class*.

The following abbreviations are	used for j	ournal	titles:
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AER	American Economic Review	JET	Journal of Economic Theory
BJE	Bell Journal of Economics	JIE	Journal of Industrial Economics
EMA	Econometrica	JLE	Journal of Law and
EJ	Economic Journal	JPE	Journal of Political Economy
IJO	International Journal of Industrial Organization	QJE	Quarterly Journal of Economics
JE	Journal of Econometrics	RJE	Rand Journal of Economics
JEH	Journal of Economic History	ReStat	Review of Economics and Statistics
JEL	Journal of Economic Literature	ReStat	Review of Economics and Statistics
JEMS	Journal of Economics & Management Strategy		

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