

14.33 Economics Research and Communication Spring 2026

Classes Mon/Wed 2:30–4:00 PM E51-372	Instructor Prof. Dave Donaldson ddonald@mit.edu OH: by appointment E52-552	Teaching Assistant Theodore Caputi tcaputi@gmail.com OH: Fri 3–5 PM E52-548 or Zoom
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Date	Class Event	Assignment Due
Mon 2/2	Lecture: Course Introduction	
Wed 2/4	Lecture: Causal Inference Refresher #1	
Mon 2/9	Lecture: Causal Inference Refresher #2	
Wed 2/11		A1: Paper Summary
Tue 2/17	Lecture: Finding Data (Guest: N. Albaugh, MIT Libraries)	
Wed 2/18	Optional: Stata Computer Lab	
Mon 2/23	Optional: Stata Computer Lab	
Wed 2/25		A2: Project Proposal
Mon 3/2	A3: Preliminary Presentations (Group 1)	
Wed 3/4	A3: Preliminary Presentations (Group 2)	
3/5 + wk of 3/9	Mandatory Appointments with Prof. Donaldson	
Mon 3/9		A4: Peer Email Comments
Mon 3/16		A5: First Draft (Data & Methods)
<i>— Spring Break: March 23–27 —</i>		
Mon 3/30	Lecture: Mechanics of Writing an Economics Paper	A6: Descriptive Figure & Table
Mon 4/13		A7: Revised Draft w/ Stats, Outline & Results
Mon 4/27		A8: First Full Draft of Paper
Wed 4/29	A9: Final Presentations (Group 2)	
Mon 5/4	A9: Final Presentations (Group 1)	
Mon 5/11		A10: Final Draft & Changes Doc

Required: Minimum of 3 individual office hour visits with TA (regarding your paper) between 2/2 and 4/13.
All classes are **2:30–4:00 PM** unless agreed otherwise. All assignments due at **2:30 PM** on the date stated.