



THE GLOBAL AND DOMESTIC DEMAND: AN ECONOMIST'S JOURNEY JULY-AUGUST 2019

Why do human beings suffer scarcity? How does society regulate itself in a world with finite resources and infinite wants? How have the fields of economics and finance evolved to ensure that society can meet its needs and desires without disintegrating? ***The Global and Domestic Demand: An Economist's Journey*** is a noncredit course that offers incoming students a summarized look into the intensely closeted but critical field of economics. It aims to explore the history of economics, the goals that the discipline has, the questions it attempts to answer, and the methods it uses to answer them. The course will briefly visit each of the broad fields of economics: labor, development, finance, macroeconomics, industrial organization, as well as explore some basic statistical and mathematical techniques used in each of these fields. At the end of the two week program, we hope to help students gain an insight into the world of governments, central banks and mortgage houses.

Course Meetings

Class: MTWRF 9:30am – 11:00am

Workshop: MTWRF 11:15am – 12:15pm

Instructor

Syed Abidi, doctoral candidate in Economics (McGill University)

Syed Abidi's research focus is on housing price functions in urban economic settings. In addition to departmental research, he also works with the geography department as part of the McGill sustainable systems initiatives in furthering multidisciplinary research aimed at understanding ecosystem services. Before pursuing his doctorate, Syed completed his masters at McGill and conducted research on the status of interracial inequality decomposition in South Africa. He also likes coffee and video games (any after class discussions on relevant topics are welcome).



Schedule*

Class 1 Economics – An overview

Class 2 Development and Poverty

Class 3 Market Systems

Class 4 Labor and Political Economies

Class 5 Financial Economics

Class 6 Environment and Economics

Class 7 Human Capital in Economics (Health, Education)

Class 8 Behavioral and Experimental Economics

Class 9 Statistical Analysis

Class 10 Conclusion, Trivia Challenge, and Final Presentations

**Please note: this syllabus may be subject to change before and during the program so as to allow for flexibility.*

