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Ph.D. Financial Accounting Seminar, Fall 2009  
Office Hour:  Tuesday 2:00-5:00

The class format will be as follows:

(i) In each class we will cover 1 published and/or working papers. All students are required to read the assigned papers before class.

(ii) One student will be assigned to write a referee report for the papers covered in each class.

2. Project

You alone or with a peer are to write an empirical research paper, which is due by March 1, 2009. The primary purpose is to expose you to the process of writing an academic paper. The research question should be clearly identified. You have to explain why this question is important and develop an appropriate research design to test your hypotheses. If the results are consistent with your hypotheses, you want to increase confidence in the inference validity by ruling out alternative hypotheses. Once your analysis survives a battery of sensitivity tests, you are ready to write up the paper.

3. Reading List

1. Earnings information and security prices


2. Intraday analysis of return data


3. Earnings management


4. Employee stock option


5. International Accounting


6. Corporate governance


7. Market efficiency and accounting information


8. Research Design