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Dear Ec Concentrators,

The spring semester is here! Everyone in the Harvard Economics Department is excited to welcome you back.

Getting your advisor hold lifted is easy! Ec Concentration Advisors are holding walk-in [office hours](#) from 10am to 4pm, Monday through Friday starting on Thursday, January 19. Since you cannot officially enroll in classes or be sectioned until your advisor hold is lifted, be sure to visit early in the week. You do not need to have a finalized schedule to have your advisor hold lifted. Keep an eye out for Ec Concentration advisors visiting your house throughout the week as well.

Don't forget to join your class [listserv](#) to get important updates from the department. Also [like us](#) on Facebook and [follow us](#) on Twitter to get department updates, economics news, and the occasional comic or fun fact.

Sophomores: Everyone interested in taking a [Sophomore Tutorial \(Ec 970\)](#) this semester should attend the introductory meeting on **Monday, January 23 from 2:15-3:15pm, Lowell Lecture Hall**. You will get to meet the instructors, hear a description of each tutorial, and learn how to submit your section preferences.

Juniors: On **Thursday, March 28, 8:30-10am**, we will hold a meeting for all juniors interested in writing a senior thesis. Starting your thesis junior year will help you make an informed choice of topics and find an advisor before you leave for the summer; this gives you a head start in September.

Seniors: If you have questions about your degree fulfillment and have not been in communication with your Ec Concentration Advisor, please reach out during Study Card Week. Make sure you have told a concentration advisor which track you are on. You will not be signed up to take the honors exam unless you declare an honors track.

[The Honors Exam](#) will be held on **Monday, April 10 from 1:30-4:30pm** with a celebration immediately following in the Littauer 3rd Floor Lounge.

We also have a number of new courses on offer this semester:

Ec 980EE The Behavioral Economics of Poverty and Development with Gautam Rao

Ec 1025 From Gorbachev to Putin: The Economics and Politics of the Russian Transition with Maxim Boycko

Ec 1082 Households, Firms, and Communities in Developing Countries with Emily Breza

Ec 1338 Inequality and Poverty with Krishna Pendakur

We wish everyone the best for the coming semester, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Warm regards,

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Director of Undergraduate Studies

This semester we're offering eight [Ec 980 Junior Seminars](#). If you have fulfilled the prerequisites and are interested in having a small-group research experience with an Economics faculty member, take a look at the offerings and learn how to apply.