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Dear Ec Concentrators,

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

First and foremost: You need to have your advising hold lifted and enroll in classes by **Friday, January 26**. To do so, please see the Ec Concentration Advisors for an advising conversation during their walk-in [office hours](#) from 10am to 4pm, Monday through Friday, starting Thursday, January 18. You cannot officially enroll in classes or be sectioned until your advisor hold is lifted, so please **visit office hours early**. You do not need to have a finalized schedule to have your advisor hold lifted. Also, keep an eye out for information about Ec Advisors visiting the Houses in the evenings during the week of January 22.

Be sure 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 occasional comics and fun facts.

Sophomores: Everyone interested in taking a [Sophomore Tutorial \(Ec 970\)](#) this semester should attend the introductory meeting on **Monday, January 22, 2-3.30pm (Jefferson Lab 250)**. You will get to meet the instructors, hear a description of each tutorial, and learn how to submit your Ec 970 course preferences.

Juniors: On **Tuesday, March 27, 8:30-10am**, we will hold a meeting for all **juniors interested in writing a senior thesis**. Starting the thesis process during your junior year can help you make an informed choice of topic and find an advisor before you leave for the summer—and this can give you a big head start in September! This spring, we have one **Ec 980 Junior Seminar** on offer, with Professor Dale Jorgenson. Please see the [website](#) for information on enrolling, as the course is space-limited. We apologize for having to cancel three Junior Seminars. This was due to a series of last-minute, unexpected issues, and we will do our best to ensure this does not happen again.

Seniors: If you have questions about whether you have completed your Ec degree requirements and have not yet spoken with your Ec Concentration Advisor, please reach out before the January 26 course registration deadline. Make sure your concentration advisor knows your track choice. You will not be registered for the Honors Exam unless you declare an Honors track (ACT or Thesis). Please note that [the Honors Exam](#) will be held on **Wednesday, April 4, 3-6pm**.

We also have some new courses on offer this semester, such as:

Ec 1015: Profiles in Black Genius, with Professor Roland Fryer

Ec 1036: The Psychology and Economics of Beliefs, with Professor Matthew Rabin

Ec 1800: Economies of Cities, with Professors Edward Glaeser and Denise DiPasquale.

As always, if you have any questions, please [contact us](#) or stop by Advising Office Hours. We wish everyone the best for the coming semester, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Warm regards,

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