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Dear Ec Concentrators,

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

[Advising Office Hours](#) open for the semester on Thursday, January 23rd from 10am-4pm. **Meet with an advisor between then and January 31st to get your advising hold lifted.** 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.

Sophomores: Everyone interested in taking a [ECB 970 Sophomore Tutorial](#) this semester must attend the introductory meeting on **Monday January 27th**. You will get to meet the instructors, hear a description of each tutorial, and learn how to submit your Ec 970 course preferences.

Juniors: We have seven [Ec 980 Junior Seminars](#) on offer this semester. Professor Goldin and Katz's Ec 980B as well as Professor Stein's Ec 980Z have an early lottery deadline of January 26th, so if you're interested don't forget to enter. Check our website to see all seminars offered this semester and the guidelines for enrolling.

Still need to take an [Ec 970 Sophomore Tutorial](#)? Join us for the mandatory meeting on **Monday, January 27th.**

On **March 27th**, 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!

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 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 **April 7th, 3-6pm**.

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

Econ 20 Data Science for Social Scientists: Isaiah Andrews **formerly Ec 1163 and title change

Econ 980GG Inequality, Leverage and Crises: Ludwig Straub

Econ 980MM Designing Real-World Experiments to Improve Firm Decision-Making and Public Policy:

Amanda Pallais

Econ 1550 International Macroeconomics: Prof. Jeff Frankel (HKS)

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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