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Dear Ec Concentrators,

The spring semester is here! While we are all still adapting to the virtual academic year, everyone in the Harvard Economics Department is excited to welcome you back, wherever you may be during this unusual time.

Virtual [Advising Office Hours](#) open for the semester on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and provide 30 hours a week of drop in virtual advising. **Meet with an Ec advisor during office hours to get your advising hold lifted before the January 21 deadline.** You cannot officially enroll in classes or be sectioned until your advising hold is lifted, so please **visit office hours early**. You do not need to have a finalized schedule to have your advisor hold lifted.

As a reminder, you can find [advising details](#), [course information](#), [job opportunities](#), and loads of other information on the [Economics Department website](#).

**Sophomores:** Everyone interested in taking an [Ec 970 Sophomore Tutorial](#) this semester must attend the Zoom introductory meeting on **Friday January 15<sup>th</sup>**. You will get to meet the instructors, hear a description of each tutorial, and learn how to submit your Ec 970 course preferences. Zoom link available on the [Ec 970 Canvas site](#).

**Juniors:** We have six incredible [Ec 980 Junior Seminars](#) on offer this semester. Junior seminars are a great opportunity to work closely with an Ec faculty member, take a deep dive into an economics research question, and apply all the economics knowledge you've learned over the previous 2.5 years. Visit our website to see the seminars on offer and the guidelines for enrolling.

Still need to take an [Ec 970 Sophomore Tutorial](#)? Check out the information above (“Sophomores”) and join us for the mandatory meeting on **Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**.

In **March (date TBD)**, we will hold a meeting for all **juniors interested in writing a senior thesis**. Starting the thesis process during your junior year can help give you a head start in September! For now, if you have questions about potentially pursuing a senior thesis, please reach out to me or any of your Ec advisors.

**Seniors:** If you have questions about whether you have completed your Ec degree requirements and have not yet spoken with an Ec Advisor, please reach out before the 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 **April 8-9, 2021**.

Finally, we are excited to announce a **new course offering** this Spring: **Ec 1644 *Power Markets in the New Economy*** with Professor Myrto Kalouptsi.

If you have any questions, please [contact us](#) or visit us in Ec Advising Office Hours. We wish you all the best for the coming semester, and we look forward to seeing you on our screens and to connecting with each of you.

Warm regards,

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