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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 24th from 10am-4pm. Meet with an advisor between then and Friday, February 1st 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. Also, keep an eye out for information about Ec Advisors visiting the Houses in the evenings during the week of January 28.

Sophomores: Everyone interested in taking a [Sophomore Tutorial \(Ec 970\)](#) this semester should attend the introductory meeting on **Monday, January 28, 12:45pm, Science Center Hall D**. 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 Stein's Ec 980z has a lottery deadline of this Sunday 1/27](#), so if you're interested don't forget to enter. All others require that you visit the first class and will lottery if necessary.

On **Wednesday, April 3, 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!

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 **Wednesday, April 10, 3-6pm**.

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

Ec 1042: Sports Economics, with Judd Cramer

Ec 1036: Growth, Inequality, and the Income of Households, with Jason Furman

Ec 1152: Using Big Data to Solve Economic and Social Problems, with Raj Chetty

Ec 1430: Economics Growth, Rare Macro Disasters, and Fiscal Policy, with Robert Barro

Ec 1746: The Financial Crisis and the Great Recession, with Karen Dynan

Ec 2728: Behavioral Finance, with Nicola Gennaioli

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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