



MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

STUDY GUIDE

Division of Economic and Financial Studies

ECON490 GENERAL PAPER SEMINAR

FULL YEAR 2007

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COURSE OUTLINE

The General Paper Seminar is a student centred seminar organised around the questions: “What is Economics about?”, “What do Economists Know?” and “What do Economists need to Know?”

READING LIST

M. Eatwell *et. al.* (1987), *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, Macmillan, Volumes 1-4.

American Economic Association, *Journal of Economic Literature*, various issues.

Anything else that you read and want to think or talk about.

ASSESSMENT

1. There will be **one two hour final examination** taken at the end of your Honours candidature to count for 70% of the assessment in the course.
2. There will be **one assignment**, which is this: Since there are 26 weeks in the academic year and 26 weeks in the English alphabet, your task is to go through, week by week, *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, write down the topics covered under ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’ etc. and then pick out one topic from each week and summarise it.

This assignment is due at the final examination time and will count for 30% of your final grade in the course.

The **General Paper Seminar** is one credit point in your Honours program.