Drawing on the recent microeconomics literature, this seminar will provide students with both an understanding of the key microeconomic issues facing African economies and the economic tools that are being used to analyze them. The course will address both the research questions and findings as well as how economist answer these questions. In particular, we will consider the myriad of factors that affect how African households, farmers, consumers, and families, make decisions about agricultural production, household consumption, health and education, investment in farms and businesses, and how to manage risk and new challenges.

Each week, students will read two to four current empirical papers. For each class, one or two students will prepare to lead the discussion. We will consider the questions that are being asked, the methods being used, and the key findings and their implications.

Prerequisites: Intermediate Microeconomics, Econometrics.

Semester offered: Not offered
Undergrad Course Category: Development