



Fall 2009 DeCal Course (#1098)

**GLOBAL POVERTY & IMPACT EVALUATION:
LEARNING WHAT WORKS FOR THE WORLD'S
POOR**

Tuesdays: 5-7 PM, Location: T.B.A.

Website: www.decal.org/1098

This Fall semester, the Center of Evaluation for Global Action (CEGA) is sponsoring a student-facilitated course on impact evaluation, following on the success of the first Global Poverty & Impact Evaluation DeCal offered in Fall 2008. Forty people took the 2008 course, including undergraduate and graduate students from public policy, political science, public health, economics and biology.

Course topics for the Fall 2009 semester will include impact evaluation theory (causal inference, experimental design and basic statistics), methods (randomization, difference-in-differences, regression discontinuity, and propensity score matching), and practice (ethics, protection of human subjects). The curriculum is applied, with weekly case studies of field research drawn from the international development literature. Students will also learn how to apply the techniques taught in class using statistical software and actual data. The course is ideally suited for graduate and advanced undergraduate students who have taken statistics courses.

The Center of Evaluation for Global Action (CEGA) is a campus research center focused on global health and development economics. For more information about upcoming CEGA lectures and events, visit <http://cega.berkeley.edu>