Economics 4339—Economics Honors: Seminar 2
Spring 2013, Tues 3:30-6, Econ 5

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Office Hours
Tues 10-12, Wed 1-2, or by appointment
It is very easy to schedule appointments outside of office hours with me—I am almost always in my office during normal business hours. Just send email or talk to me before or after class to set up an appointment.

Course Objectives and Structure
The primary objective of this seminar is to provide a framework that will lead to the successful completion and defense of your honors thesis. Therefore, the majority of the class time will be spent directly on this objective. You will provide regular status reports regarding your progress on your honors research. You will submit portions of your written thesis to me and the class to receive feedback, and provide feedback on the writing of your classmates. You will also perform practice presentations of your research in preparation for your oral defense, and provide feedback on the presentations of your classmates. Because a primary goal of our seminar is to provide a setting in which students give and receive feedback on their research and their written and verbal presentations of that research, attendance is mandatory!

Grades
Your grade will be based on a combination of your final honors thesis document, your oral defense, class participation, and post-defense assignments. Therefore, while your grade will be correlated with your final honors designation, it can be improved or damaged depending on the quality of your participation in our class activities. Economics 4339 does not count towards economics major credit hours, but only as elective hours toward the total Arts and Sciences hours required for graduation. However, this course does provide you with a unique setting in which to pursue and discuss original research with equally skilled and motivated peers.

Honors Deadlines
Tuesday, April 9: Defense copy of thesis due to honors program office
Wed, April 10: Last oral defense date
Refer to class handout or http://www.colorado.edu/honors/graduation for more details.
Tentative Course Schedule

Jan 15: Getting started
Jan 22: Descriptive Statistics outline due
   Executive Summary due
Jan 29: Individual meetings
Feb 5: Class editing of lit review
Feb 12: Class editing and mini-presentation of methods
Feb 19: Class editing and mini-presentation of introductions
Feb 26: Class editing and mini-presentation of results
Mar 5: Abstracts and Conclusions
Mar 12, 19: Practice presentations

Oral Defenses: Mon, Apr 1-Wed, Apr 10.
Provide thesis copy to committee at least 3 days in advance of defense
Thesis copy to honors office: Tues, Apr 9

Apr 2: Final Feedback
Apr 9: No Class
Apr 16: Discussion of Research Extensions; Final thesis copy due for course grade
Apr 23: Presentation of Published Article
Apr 30: TBA