

## **Economics 4339—Economics Honors: Seminar 2**

### **Spring 2026, Tues 3:30-6, HUMN 1B70**

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### **Office Hours**

Mon 1:15-2:45, Friday 9:30-11, and by appt

### **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. You will peer-edit portions of your written thesis with your classmates and give practice presentations of portions of your thesis presentation. 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 and active attention is mandatory!*

### **Grades**

Your grade will largely be determined based on your honors thesis and defense but can be adjusted based on the quality of your class participation and post-defense assignments. Economics 4339 does not count towards economics major credit hours but only as elective hours toward the total A&S hours required for graduate

### **Schedule**

	<b>In-Class</b>	<b>For Next Week (*in addition to ongoing thesis research*)</b>
<b>Week 1 (Jan 13)</b>	Econometrics Review #1 Mini-lecture: Lit Review	Sign up for Week 2 individual meeting Provide proposal and slides to me and advisor. Recruit outside committee member Begin Lit Review
<b>Week 2 (Jan 20)</b>	Econometrics Review #2 Individual meetings	Lit Review draft
<b>Week 3 (Jan 27)</b>	Econometrics Review #3 Peer-edit Lit Review	Update Methods slides, send to me. Sign up for Week 4 individual meetings.
<b>Week 4 (Feb 3)</b>	Individual meetings	Begin scheduling defense Update Intro+Methods slides Sign up for Week 5 individual meeting
<b>Week 5 (Feb 10)</b>	Individual meetings	“Front-end” written draft (Intro+Lit Review+Methods)

<b>Week 6 (Feb 17)</b>	Peer-edit Front-end drafts Mini-lecture: Descriptive analysis	<b>Revise and turn in Front-end draft Mon Feb 23</b> Sign up for Week 7 individual meeting Slides with descriptive analysis
<b>Week 7 (Feb 24)</b>	Present descriptive analysis Mini-lecture: Results tables Individual meetings	Slides with preliminary regression results Complete defense scheduling
<b>Week 8 (Mar 3)</b>	Present preliminary results Write abstracts Mini-lecture: Discussions	Prepare practice presentation slides
<b>Week 9 (Mar 10)</b>	Practice presentations	Prepare discussion/conclusions slides Prepare practice presentation slides (if necessary)
<b>Week 10 (Mar 24)</b>	Practice presentations Discussion slides	
	<b>Oral Defenses Tues March 24- Wed Apr 1</b> <b>Provide thesis document to committee at least 3 days in advance of defense</b> <b>Email defense document to honors office on defense day</b>	
<b>Week 11-12</b>	No Class	
<b>Weeks 13-14</b>	TBA	