

Economics 4339—Economics Honors: Seminar 2

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Office Hours

Tues 1:30-3, Wed 1:30-3, 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 perform 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

	In-Class	For Next Week (*in addition to ongoing thesis research*)
Week 1 (Jan 14)	Econometrics Review #1 Mini-lecture: Lit Review	Sign up for Week 2 individual meeting Distribute proposal and slides to me and advisor. Recruit outside committee member Begin Lit Review
Week 2 (Jan 21)	Econometrics Review #2 Individual meetings	Lit Review draft
Week 3 (Jan 28)	Econometrics Review #3 Peer-edit Lit Review	
Week 4 (Feb 4)	No class	Begin scheduling defense Update Intro+Methods slides Sign up for Week 5 individual meeting
Week 5 (Feb 11)	Individual meetings	Front-end draft (Intro+Lit Review+Methods)

Week 6 (Feb 18)	Peer-edit Front-end drafts Mini-lecture: Descriptive analysis	Revise and turn in Front-end draft Mon Feb 24 Sign up for Week 7 individual meeting Slides with descriptive analysis
Week 7 (Feb 25)	Present descriptive analysis Mini-lecture: Results tables Individual meetings	Slides with preliminary regression results Complete defense scheduling
Week 8 (Mar 4)	Present preliminary results Write abstracts	Add descriptive analysis to thesis document (methods section)
Week 9 (Mar 11)	Mini-lecture: Discussions Peer-edit descriptive analysis Early practice presentations	Prepare practice presentation slides
Week 10 (Mar 18)	Practice presentations	Results draft Discussion/conclusions slides
Week 11 (Apr 1)	Present discussion slides Peer-edit results	
	Oral Defenses Tues Apr 1- Wed Apr 9 Provide thesis document to committee at least 3 days in advance of defense Email defense document to honors office on defense day	
Week 12 (Apr 8)	No Class	
Week 13 (Apr 15)	No Class	
Weeks 14 and 15	TBA	