

Economics 4339—Economics Honors: Seminar 2 Spring 2018, Tues 3:30-6, Econ 5

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Office Hours

Tues 10-11:30, Wed 10-11:30 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—best way to set up an appointment is through email.

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 skilled and motivated peers.

Honors Deadlines and Dates

Tues, April 10: Last oral defense date

Defense copy of thesis due to honors program office by 3:00 pm

Fri, April 13: Upload final thesis document to CU Scholar by 3:00 pm

Fri, April 20: Email notification of honors designation

More information available at:

<http://www.colorado.edu/honors/graduation>

and

https://www.colorado.edu/honors/sites/default/files/attached-files/spring_2018_honors_thesis_deadlines_0.pdf

Tentative Course Schedule

Jan 16: Getting started

Jan 23: Descriptive Statistics outline due

Executive Summary due

Jan 30: Individual meetings

Feb 6: Class editing of lit review

Feb 13: Class editing and mini-presentation of methods

Feb 20: Class editing and mini-presentation of introductions

Feb 27: Class editing and mini-presentation of results

Mar 6: Abstracts and Conclusions

March 13, 20: Practice Presentations

Oral Defenses: Mon, Apr 2-Tues, Apr 10

Provide thesis copy to committee at least 3 days in advance of defense

Thesis copy to honors office: Tues, Apr 10

Apr 3: Final Feedback

Apr 10: No Class

Apr 17: Research Extensions; Final thesis copy due for course grade

Apr 24: Presentation of Published Article

May 1: TBA