

Economics 4339—Economics Honors: Seminar 2 Spring 2020, Tues 3:30-6, Econ 5

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Office Hours

Thurs 9:45-11:45 or by appointment

It is very easy to schedule appointments outside of office hours with me—I am usually 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 peer-edit portions of your written thesis with your classmates. You will also 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 is mandatory!*

Grades

Your grade will largely be determined by the quality of your final honors thesis document and your oral 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 Arts and Sciences hours required for graduation.

Important Honors Deadlines and Dates

Wed, Apr 8:

Last oral defense date

Defense copy of thesis due to honors program office (Norlin M400M) by 3:00 pm

Mon, April 13:

Upload final thesis document to CU Scholar by 11:00 pm

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

Fri, April 17:

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_2020_honors_thesis_deadlines.pdf

Course Schedule

Jan 14: Getting started, Econometrics Review #1

Summary Form Due on Mon, Jan 20

Jan 21: Individual Meetings

Jan 28: Class editing of lit review, Econometrics Review #2

Feb 4: Individual Meetings on Methods Slides

Feb 11: Class editing and mini-presentation of methods, Econometrics Review #3

Feb 18: Class editing and mini-presentation of introductions

Feb 25: Class editing and mini-presentation of results

Draft of "Front End" (Intro, Lit Review and Methods) due Fri Feb 28

Mar 3: Abstracts, Draft Feedback

March 10, 17: Practice Presentations

Oral Defenses: Mon, Mar 30-Wed, Apr 8

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

Thesis copy to honors office (Norlin M400M) no later than Wed, Apr 8 at 3pm

Mar 31: Final Feedback

Apr 7: No Class

Apr 14, 21, 28: Post-Defense Activities