

Economics 4339—Economics Honors: Seminar 2 Spring 2014, Tues 3:30-6, Econ 5

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Office Hours

Tues 10-11:30, Wed 1-2:30, 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 equally skilled and motivated peers.

Honors Deadlines

Tuesday, April 8: Defense copy of thesis due to honors program office

Wed, April 9: Last oral defense date

Refer to class handout or <http://www.colorado.edu/honors/graduation> for more details.

Tentative Course Schedule

Jan 14: Getting started

Jan 21: Descriptive Statistics outline due
Executive Summary due

Jan 28: Individual meetings

Feb 4: Class editing of lit review

Feb 11: Class editing and mini-presentation of methods

Feb 18: Class editing and mini-presentation of introductions

Feb 25: Class editing and mini-presentation of results

Mar 4: Abstracts and Conclusions

Mar 11, 18: Practice presentations

Oral Defenses: Mon, Mar 30-Wed, Apr 9.

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

Thesis copy to honors office: Tues, Apr 8

Apr 1: Final Feedback

Apr 8: No Class

Apr 15: Discussion of Research Extensions; Final thesis copy due for course grade

Apr 22: Presentation of Published Article

Apr 30: TBA