

**Economics 4339—Economics Honors: Seminar 2**  
**Spring 2015, Tues 3:30-6, Econ 5**

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**Office Hours**

Tuesday 1-2:30 or by appointment. My schedule is reasonably flexible. Please email me to arrange meetings outside of office hours.

**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 to the class to receive feedback, and you will 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**

Monday, December 1: Registration forms are due to the Honors Program Office.

Tuesday, April 7: Last day to defend honors thesis and defense copy of your thesis is due to honors program office by 4 p.m.

Monday, April 13: Final copy of thesis is due to the Honors Program Office by 4 p.m.  
For more information refer to class handout or  
<http://www.colorado.edu/honors/graduation>.

### ***Tentative Course Schedule***

Jan 13: Getting started

Jan 20: Descriptive Statistics outline due

Executive Summary due

Jan 27: Individual meetings

Feb 3: Class editing of lit review

Feb 10: Class editing and mini-presentation of methods

Feb 17: Class editing and mini-presentation of introductions

Feb 24: Class editing and mini-presentation of results

Mar 3: Abstracts and Conclusions

Mar 10, 17: Practice presentations

**Oral Defenses: Mon, Mar 30-Tue, Apr 7. Provide thesis copy to committee at least 3 days in advance of defense Thesis copy to honors office: Tues, Apr 7**

Mar 31: Final Feedback

Apr 7: No Class

Apr 13: Final thesis copy due at Honors Program Office

Apr 14: Discussion of Research Extensions; Final thesis copy due for course grade

Apr 21: Presentation of Published Article

Apr 28: TBA