

Economics 4339—Economics Honors: Seminar 2
Spring 2016, 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

Thursday, October 1 (2015): Honors Registration Paperwork Due
Thursday, March 24 (midnight): Defense copy of thesis due to committee
Tuesday, April 5: Last day to defend honors thesis and defense copy of your thesis is due to honors program office by 4 p.m.
Monday, April 11: 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>.
Friday, April 8: Faculty honors recommendations due
Friday, April 15: Notification of Honors Designations
Friday, May 6: Honors Convocation

Tentative Course Schedule

Jan 12: Getting started (assignment due)

Jan 19: Descriptive Statistics outline due, Executive Summary due, In-class editing of both, Super-mini presentations of research questions

Jan 26: Individual meetings

Feb 2: Class editing of lit review

Feb 9: Class editing and mini-presentation of methods

Feb 16: Class editing and mini-presentation of introductions

Feb 23: Class editing and mini-presentation of results

Mar 1: Abstracts and Conclusions

Mar 8, 15: Practice presentations

Oral Defenses: Mon, Mar 28-Tue, Apr 1. Provide thesis copy to your committee by midnight March 24 in order to defend. Missing the deadline will require you to wait to finish honors. Defense copy to honors office: Tues, April 5. Final thesis copy to honors office: Mon, Apr 11

Mar 29: Defenses

Apr 5: No class

Apr 12: Class discussion of thesis process

Apr 19: Discussion of Research Extensions; Final thesis copy due for course grade

Apr 26: Wrap-up Meeting