

Syllabus
Honors Seminar - Economics 4339-801
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Course Objectives:

The primary objective of this seminar is to provide a framework which will lead to the successful completion of your honors thesis for those of you planning to graduate in May 2008 and to help successfully launch the thesis project for those of you planning to graduate in December 2008. This course allows you to do your own economic analysis on a topic that interests you. My hope is that you will learn that the doing of, as well as the learning of, economics can be both satisfying and fun. You will be required to submit written material to me on a regular basis. Also you will each present this work to the class. The group will be responsible for providing constructive feedback.

While much of the course revolves around formal presentations, we need to strive to maintain a workshop atmosphere. There is enormous collective knowledge within our workshop group. In order to facilitate the exchange of ideas and suggestions, ample discussion time is built into the schedule. Attendance is mandatory for all scheduled classes.

Evaluation

Students graduating and completing their honors theses this semester will receive a grade based on their honors thesis, oral defense, and class participation. Students who do not graduate this semester will receive a grade based on their thesis proposal and class participation. The proposal should include a literature review, a statement of thesis objectives, data sources and a discussion of how the thesis relates to the literature. Economics 4339 does not count towards economics major credit hours, but only as elective hours towards the total Arts and Sciences hours required for graduation. However, it does provide you with a framework within which you can work on your honors thesis and the support of your peers as you go through the process.

Honors Deadlines: May Graduation

- Informational Meeting for all honors students - Thursday, January 31 2008, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Norlin N410.
- Theses due – Tuesday, April 8, 2008 by 4.00pm in the Honors Program Office, Norlin M400C.
- Oral defenses end - Wednesday April 9, 2008.

For more complete information, please check with the Honors website at:
<http://www.colorado.edu/honors/graduation.html>

Special Accommodations Policy

If you have specific physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities and require accommodations, please let me know early in the semester so that your learning needs may be appropriately met. You will need to provide documentation of your disability to the Disability Services Office in Willard 322 (phone 303-492-8671).

Academic Integrity

All students of the University of Colorado at Boulder are responsible for knowing and adhering to the academic integrity policy of this institution. Violations of this policy may include: cheating, plagiarism, aid of academic dishonesty, fabrication, lying, bribery, and threatening behavior. All incidents of academic misconduct shall be reported to the Honor Code Council (honor@colorado.edu; 303-725-2273). Students who are found to be in violation of the academic integrity policy will be subject to both academic sanctions from the faculty member and non-academic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion). Other information on the Honor Code can be found at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html> .