

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
Department of Economics

ECON4309(801):
ECONOMICS HONORS SEMINAR 1

Fall 2015

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Prerequisites and Texts

Course enrollment is granted by the Economics Honors Program only. To be considered, the students must have a high cumulative and economics GPA. In most cases, the tools required to complete the thesis are presented in your undergraduate economics courses. Past experience however suggests a number of areas where students need further emphasis.

Doing: This text offers research guidelines:

Greenlaw, S.A. (2005) *Doing Economics: A Guide to Understanding and Carrying Out Economic Research* Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

Writing: The following texts offer writing guidelines:

McCloskey, D.N. (1999) *Economical Writing*, Second Edition. Long Grove: Waveland Press, Inc.

Strunk, W. and E.B. White (2000) *The Elements of Style*, Fourth Edition. New York: Longman.

Econometrics: The vast majority of undergraduate thesis in economics use the tools of econometrics. So, it is strongly recommended that students complete ECON 4818 Introduction to Econometrics and ECON 4848 Applied Econometrics. Students can also learn viable and useful tools to complete their thesis in both ECON 4858 Financial Econometrics and ECON 4868 Simulation Modeling in Microeconomics.

Evaluation

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| Critical Reviews | 10 % |
| Literature Review | 15 % |
| Development Reports | 10 % |
| Research Proposal | 25 % |
| Presentations | 20 % |
| Class Participation | 20 % |

Evaluative Criteria: To earn a passing grade in the course, you must complete and turn in your research proposal by the last day of class. There will be no exceptions to this requirement. Attendance is mandatory for all scheduled classes.

Honors Program

The Honors Program has a website with useful information:

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

The Honors Program stores past theses. To access them:

<http://www.colorado.edu/honors/honorsthesisarchive>

