

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO  
Department of Economics

**ECON4309–801:  
ECONOMICS HONORS SEMINAR 1**

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**Objective**

The main objective of this course (and of the companion course *ECON 4339–801 Economic Honors Seminar 2*)

Also, you need to complete the "Registration to Graduate with Honors" form. The registration paperwork and required attachments are due in the Honors Program Office (Norlin M400M) by 3:00 p.m. on 3 October 2017. The form is available on the Honors Program web site and on the course D2L page.

## 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 in the senior electives in economics.

## Evaluation

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://scholar.colorado.edu/honr\\_theses/](http://scholar.colorado.edu/honr_theses/)

## **University Policies**

You should familiarize yourself with the following University of Colorado policies:

### **ACCOMMODATION FOR DISABILITIES**

All faculty assume responsibility for ensuring that their individual courses and content are accessible to all students. Please utilize principles of Universal Design when creating new courses; otherwise, make appropriate alterations to existing material to accommodate students who require assistance. You may contact our Universal Instructional Design Consultant on the Academic Technology Design Team in the Office of Information Technology for more information by calling 303-735-4357 (5-HELP).

Faculty consultations with an Access Coordinator in Disability Services serve as an opportunity to provide clarity and guidance regarding the implementation of accommodations and working with students with disabilities. To request an appointment with an Access Coordinator, contact Disability Services at [dsinfo@colorado.edu](mailto:dsinfo@colorado.edu) or 303-492-8671

### **THE BOULDER PROVOST'S DISABILITY TASK FORCE:**

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit your accommodation letter from Disability Services to your faculty member in a timely manner so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities in the academic environment. Information on requesting accommodations is located on the Disability Services website ([www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices/students](http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices/students)). Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or [dsinfo@colorado.edu](mailto:dsinfo@colorado.edu) for further assistance. If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see Temporary Medical Conditions under the Students tab on the Disability Services website and discuss your needs with your professor.

### **RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS**

It is the responsibility of every instructor to explain clearly her or his procedures about absences due to religious observances in the course syllabus so that all students are fully informed,

this preference early in the semester so that I may make appropriate changes to my records. For more information, see the policies on classroom behavior and the Student Code of Conduct.

**THE OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL EQUITY AND COMPLIANCE:**

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