

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO**

**Department of Economics**

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

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**Web Pages**

The course web page will be the main vehicle for disseminating information:

<http://www.colorado.edu/Economics/courses/boileau/4309/econ4309.html>

The Honors Program has a web page that contains important information:

<http://www.colorado.edu/Honors/index.html>

7. Perform the necessary analysis to answer your question.
8. Write and present a working paper version of your thesis.
9. Write the final version of the thesis.
10. Defend your thesis.

Adequate progress toward the completion of your thesis requires that you be somewhere between tasks 6 and 7 at the end of *ECON 4309*.

### **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:

**2. Research Proposal Development:** To ensure progress in your thesis, you will complete a number of development exercises leading up to your final research proposal.

**Assignment 3:** Write a literature review for your area of interest, and present it to the class.

**Assignment 4:** Write a report to defend your research question. It must also place your question in the relevant literature.

**Assignment 5:** Write a report that describes the methodology and data sources required to answer your research question.

**3. Research Proposal:** Following from the development exercises, you will write and present your finished research proposal to the class and to your advisor.

**Assignment 6:** Write a research proposal and present it to the class.

### Evaluation

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| Critical Reviews (Assignments 1 and 2) | 10 % |
| Literature Review (Assignment 3)       | 15 % |
| Reports (Assignments 4 and 5)          | 10 % |
| Research Proposal (Assignment 6)       | 25 % |
| Presentations (Assignments 1 to 6)     | 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. I will evaluate the written portions of Assignments 1 to 6. Your classmates and I will evaluate your presentations. Participation points will be awarded for 1. the evaluation of other students presentations, 2. your written questions to the different presentations, and 3. general participation. Finally, attendance is mandatory for all scheduled classes.