

HONORS RESEARCH SEMINAR
Econ 396 (2C)
 W 3:30 to 4:50
 Savery 162

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 Seminars presented by various members of the faculty.

Office Hours: TBA (seminar presenters office hours available from their web pages)

Course web page:
 Through canvas

Course Overview: This course will allow Honors students in economics to hear about the research work carried out by the economics faculty. Each week a different member of the department will present either his/her area of expertise or some specific research he/she is carrying out at this point. The faculty will be aware that these presentations have to be understood by undergraduates who have completed the 2 basic intermediate micro and macro courses. The last part of the session will be devoted to questions and discussion.

Students will be encouraged to think about potential research topic for their honors thesis. This course will also allow the Honors students to get acquainted with the faculty facilitating the matching up with a thesis adviser for ECON 497 later on (in the Fall/Winter of their Senior year).

Presenters and topics or field:

April 3	Michelle Turnovsky	Course Organization and General Research Guidelines
April 10	Greg Duncan	Econometrics, Large Data
April 17	Yuya Takahashi	Industrial Organization
April 24	Michelle Turnovsky	
May 1	Xu Tan	Game Theory
May 2	Matthew Gentzkow	Milliman Lecture
May 8	Alan Griffith	Development
May 15	David Layton	Environmental Economics
May 21 (Tuesday)	Nobel Prize Lecture	Growth

May 22	Melissa Knox	Population, health
May 29	THESES	Honors Students
June 5	THESES	Honors Students

Readings: If applicable, assigned by each presenter at least a week before their session.

Assignments: Each week, students will be asked to write a short essay stemming from the previous presentation and outlining potential ideas for an undergraduate research topic in the area presented by the faculty.

Maximum: one typed page - Must be turned in to me by e-mail (mturn@uw.edu): deadline 11:59 PM on the day of the next class. If the Honors student is considering working with a specific faculty, the essay could also be shown to that faculty.

We are also adding a new required assignment initiated by the UW Women in Economics club. Information on a separate flyer.

Evaluation: Grade based on participation to discussion and on turning in ALL the required assignments – the grade on each essay is based on 3 criteria: English, understanding of the paper presented / ability to convey its main lines, and creativity. Each criterium is scored 1 to 5. Late essays are not accepted. There might be up to 10 assignments and each assignment is graded equally. All the numbers are averaged and adjusted to get a final grade between 0.0 and 4.0 *Students are expected to attend each session since all the assignments are based on the seminars.* A minimum performance is required in order to receive an add-code for Econ 496. The purpose of this course is to establish for yourself and your instructor whether you can do advanced undergraduate research.

Meetings with coordinator: Meetings will be set up on a regular basis to discuss your progress and answer your questions. I will set the meetings through Doodle.