

HONORS RESEARCH SEMINAR

Econ 396 (2C)

W 3:30 to 4:50

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Seminars presented by various members of the faculty.

Office Hours: online (seminar presenters office hours available in 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:

March 29	Michelle Turnovsky	Course Organization and General Research Guidelines
April 5	Greg Duncan	Econometrics - Large Data
April 12	Stephen Turnovsky	Macroeconomics - overview
April 19	Seth Garz	Fin Tech and Development
April 26	David Layton	Evans School
May 1st	Phil Brock/Yuchin Chen	Nobel Prize Lecture in Kanes Hall 5:30 to 7:00

May 3	Ben Bernanke Douglas Diamond	Sveriges Riksbank Acceptance Speech – Stockholm U. on 12-8-22 (taped)
May 10	Isabelle Cohen	Development
May 17	Alan Griffith	ECON 496 instructor
May 24	THESES	Honors Students
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Readings: When applicable

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 on canvas: deadline 11:59 PM on Tuesdays before the next class. If the Honors student is considering working with a specific faculty, the essay could also be shown to that faculty.

The first assignment, due on April 4 at 11:29 PM, was initiated by the UW Women in Economics; it consists in writing a short essay on an economist of your choice. See information on a separate flyer.

Evaluation: Grade based on participation to discussion and on the weekly reflection paper. The grade on each paper is calculated according to on 3 criteria:

- i. English,
- ii. understanding of the paper presented / ability to convey its main lines, and
- iii. creativity. Each criterium is scored 1 to 5. Late essays are not accepted.

All the required assignments must be turned in. There might be up to 10 assignments - possibly 11 if there is a departmental seminar you have to attend (Nobel Prize, Milliman Lecture). All the assignments are 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 seminars that are not recorded.*** 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 Michelle Turnovsky: **On-line** one-to-one meetings will be set up on a regular basis to discuss your progress and answer your questions.