

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*) is to help you write a successful undergraduate honors thesis in economics. A successful undergraduate thesis embodies the results of well executed, original, and significant research in economics. The thesis must show a proficient use of the tools of economics. It must contain independent and creative work (which precludes plagiarizing previous research). The thesis must be important. The judges of the execution, originality, and importance of the thesis will be your advisor and the other members of the defense committee.

The thesis must be defended by 7 April 2015 to graduate in Spring 2015. Until then, you will have to accomplish a number of tasks. These include:

1. Identify a research topic.
2. Find a willing faculty advisor.
3. Identify an interesting and answerable research question.
4. Write a review of the literature relevant to your research question.

## **Prerequisites and Texts**

Course enrollment is granted by the Economics Honors Program only. To be considered, the

## **University Policies**

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

1. University policies regarding classroom behavior are available at  
<http://www.colorado.edu/policies/classbehavior.html>
2. University policies regarding disabilities are available at  
<http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices>.
3. University policies regarding religious practice are available at  
[http://www.colorado.edu/policies/fac\\_relig.html](http://www.colorado.edu/policies/fac_relig.html).
4. University policies regarding Sexual Harassment and Amorous Relationships are available at  
<http://www.colorado.edu/odh/>.
5. Information regarding the Honor Code Council is available at  
<http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html>  
<http://www.colorado.edu/academics/honorcode/>.