

ECO 4880 – Economics Senior Seminar I
Fall 2016 – Wednesdays – 10:30am-12:10pm
Social Sciences Building, Room 1006

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Prerequisites: ECO1500 with minimum grade of D; ECO1510 with minimum grade of D
Either ECON3260 with minimum grade of D **OR** ECON3010 minimum grade of D

Course Description: This required, two-semester seminar assists seniors in undertaking the research and writing of their senior thesis. It focuses on the fundamentals of producing a good senior thesis, selected current issues in economic theory and policy that may be relevant to the research topics chosen by students, research tools available to those conducting economic research, and improvement of writing skills.

Expectations: I expect students to be respectful to the entire class by turning in all of their required materials on time and to engage in the classroom activities. The success of this course is based on timely completion of materials, class presentations, discussions, and workshops.

Grading:

Class Participation: 20%

Presentations: 30%

Assignments: 50%

Class Participation: Students are expected to have read the assigned reading and participate in class discussion. We will have workshops where you exchange your drafts with other classmates and critique each other's work. Students will also serve as discussants for their peers' papers.

Presentations: Presentation of your final paper/senior thesis.

Assignments: Each section of your paper and your resumes count as assignments. You will be graded on the quality and whether you turn in each part of your paper on time.

A+ 98-100

A 93-97

A- 90-92

B+ 88-89

B 83-87

B- 80-82

C+ 78-79

C 73-77

C- 70-72

D+ 68-69

D 60-67

F < 60

Academic Dishonesty: The college's policy on academic and professional integrity, published in the Student Handbook as part of the Community Standards of Conduct, is excerpted on the College Policies site. Cheating, forgery, and plagiarism are serious offenses, and students found guilty of any form of academic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary action.

Office of Disabilities Services: If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me after class. Students with documented physical, learning, psychological and other disabilities are entitled to receive reasonable accommodations. If you need classroom or testing accommodations, please contact the Office of Access and Accommodations (Student Services third floor; 251-6035) or the Counseling Center (Module 1 on Lincoln Ave., 251-6390). All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office.

Week 1: Wednesday, August 31st Lecture: Structuring an argument and creating an outline	Workshop in class: Bring your lit review and everything you have on your senior project
Week 3: Wednesday, September 14th Lecture: The “theory/narrative” section	Due on Monday, September 12th at 8:00am: Thesis, Outline, Introduction, and Lit review Workshop in class: Thesis, outline, introduction
Week 5: Wednesday, September 28th Lecture: The empirical section	Due on Monday, September 26th at 8:00am: The theory /narrative section Workshop in class: The theory/narrative section
Week 7: Wednesday, October 12th Lecture: Putting it all together and presenting	Due on Monday, October 10th at 8:00am: The empirical section Workshop in class: The empirical section
Week 9: Wednesday, October 26th Lecture: Critical reading/discussing papers	Workshop in class: Critical reading of academic papers
Week 10: Wednesday, November 2nd Presentations with discussants	Due on Monday, October 31st at 8:00am: First drafts of papers
Week 11: Wednesday, November 9th Presentations with discussants	Due on Monday, November 7th at 8:00am: First drafts of papers
Week 12: Wednesday, November 16th Presentations with discussants	Due on Monday, November 7th at 8:00am: First drafts of papers
Week 13: No class; Thanksgiving	
Week 14: Wednesday, November 30th	Due on Monday, November 28th at 8:00am: Your resume Career Development Center Day
Week 15: Wednesday, December 7th	Purchase Economics Alumni Day