

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA
Department of Economics

Econ 4995-Honors Proseminar
Fall 2009

Meeting Schedule: Will be communicated to enrolled students via email.

FIRST MEETING: During second week of classes. Details to be communicated to enrolled students via email.

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Course Objective: The primary requirement of the honors proseminar is to write an acceptable research paper with a member of the Department of Economics faculty serving as your advisor. However, there are also a number of additional requirements. You must abide by the schedule agreed upon the first meeting, which requires that you submit various assignments to me and to give various presentations. Most students will receive an Incomplete at the end of the Fall 2009 term and will be required to also present their work also during Winter term 2010.

ETS Major Field Test: Like all students graduating with an MU degree in economics in the College of Arts and Science, you must take the Educational Testing Service's Major Field Test in Economics, which is given during the winter semester, in February or early March. Please contact the Department of Economics staff at the beginning of the winter semester to find out the date when the test will be administered. You will probably find it useful to review intermediate microeconomics and macroeconomics in preparation for this exam.

Paper Submission guidelines:

Papers for this class should be emailed to me (auras@missouri.edu) by the agreed deadline in PDF, OpenOffice (.odt) or Microsoft Word (.doc, not .docx) formats.

Presentation Formats:

Presentations in PDF or OpenOffice Document/Presentation Formats can be emailed to me 24 hours before the presentation or brought to the presentation on a USB-stick. If you intend to use MS Powerpoint for your presentation, please convert it to PDF before presentation or bring your own computer.

Statement on Academic Dishonesty

Academic integrity is fundamental to the activities and principles of a university. All members of

the academic community must be confident that each person's work has been responsibly and honorably acquired, developed, and presented. Any effort to gain an advantage not given to all students is dishonest whether or not the effort is successful. The academic community regards breaches of the academic integrity rules as extremely serious matters. Sanctions for such a breach may include academic sanctions from the instructor, including failing the course for any violation, to disciplinary sanctions ranging from probation to expulsion. **When in doubt about plagiarism, paraphrasing, quoting, collaboration, or any other form of cheating, consult the course instructor.**

In addition the Economics Department has a Statement on Academic Dishonesty that notes, among other things, that both giving and receiving unauthorized aid on an exam are violations of the University's policy on academic dishonesty. Therefore, anyone caught committing an act of academic dishonesty will receive a failing grade in the class. You should note that, unless otherwise announced, no references may be consulted during an exam.

Statement concerning students with disabilities

If you need accommodations because of a disability, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please inform me immediately. Please see me privately after class, or at my office.

To request academic accommodations (for example, a notetaker), students must also register with the Office of Disability Services, (<http://disabilityservices.missouri.edu>), S5 Memorial Union, 882-4696. It is the campus office responsible for reviewing documentation provided by students requesting academic accommodations, and for accommodations planning in cooperation with students and instructors, as needed and consistent with course requirements. For other MU resources for students with disabilities, click on "Disability Resources" on the MU homepage.

Statement on Intellectual Pluralism

The University community welcomes intellectual diversity and respects student rights. Students who have questions concerning the quality of instruction in this class may address concerns to either the Departmental Chair or Divisional leader or Director of the Office of Students Rights and Responsibilities (<http://osrr.missouri.edu/>). All students will have the opportunity to submit an anonymous evaluation of the instructor(s) at the end of the course.