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This is the first in a two-course sequence supporting students in writing honors theses in Economics. The goal of this seminar is to produce a research proposal that contains:

1. Introduction
  - a. Clear statement of the specific research question
  - b. Motivation of research question
  - c. Brief description of methodology
  - d. Contribution of the study relative to the existing literature
2. Methodology (that will credibly answer stated research question)
  - a. Data source(s)
  - b. Sample and key variables
  - c. Regression equation(s)

circumstances, please inform me.

Your grade in this course will primarily be determined by the research proposal and how well it meets the requirements described above. Conscientiously participating in seminar activities will, however, be reflected in your grade.

To defend an honors thesis in Spring 2024, please submit your thesis by 11:59 PM on October 3, 2023 on the honors program webpage: [https://www.colorado.edu/honors/graduation#registration\\_and\\_deadlines](https://www.colorado.edu/honors/graduation#registration_and_deadlines)

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We will discuss completing your registration in class, but it will be your responsibility to fill out the form on time.

You will work with your main advisor and the honors council representatives to add the third committee member once your proposal is more fully developed, no later than January 31, 2024.

Some intermediate assignments and the final proposal require writing about other published work. You may not borrow text from the original papers without proper attribution. Plagiarism of any kind for any assignment in this class is grounds for removal from the honors program, in addition to grade sanctions for this course.

	Getting started	Read a previous successful thesis and fill out summary form. Make a slide with 3 potential research questions.
	Potential questions discussion Finding and working with advisors Mini-lecture: data	Set up and attend meetings with potential faculty advisors. Read a second previous thesis and fill out summary form.
	Discussion of previous theses. Mini-lecture: literature search	Continue faculty meetings, finalize advisor. Investigate data sources

	Individual meetings on written methodology	
	Peer edit lit review Individual meetings on written introduction	Finalize proposal
	Next Steps	

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## ACCOMMODATION FOR DISABILITIES

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit your accommodation letter from Disability Services to your faculty member in a timely manner so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities in the academic environment. Information on requesting accommodations is located on the [Disability Services website](#). Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or [dsinfo@colorado.edu](mailto:dsinfo@colorado.edu) for further assistance. If you have a temporary medical condition, see [Temporary Medical Conditions](#) on the Disability Services website.

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## HONOR CODE

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