

**Econ 4903 - Honours Seminar**  
**Academic Year 2019-2020 - no set classes**

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**Office Hours:** By appointment.

**Course Description:** “The objective of this course is to provide a foundation for an honours thesis.” This class does not meet regularly, yet still assigns a three-credit-hour letter grade that is awarded independently of your honours supervisor.

**Prerequisite:** Concurrently taking ECON 4996 (honours thesis).

**Grading:**

- Written Updates: 5 x 5%
- Presentation 1: 20%
- Presentation 2: 30%
- Participation: 25%

There is no final or tests.

**Written Updates:** It’s easy to leave your honours thesis sitting for an extended period of time. It’s also easy to leave ideas floating around without committing them to written words. In order to provide some structured feedback and guidance, you’re required to pass in a brief summary of where you are, what you’ve recently been doing, next steps, etc, on a regular basis. I will share and discuss these with your advisor. The dates for these are as follows (scheduled on the last Friday of every month):

- September 27th.
- October 25th.
- November 29th.
- January 31st.
- February 28th: complete draft expected in lieu of update.

These should be a *maximum* of one page each. Don’t worry about style or formatting here. Not being judged on writing. Just get the content down. These will be circulated among all faculty.

**Presentation:** All students are required to present their progress. Hopefully the majority of the faculty will attend these sessions. Other students are also encouraged to attend. The first presentation will take place in January immediately after the winter break, and the second at the end of the academic year. The first presentation should last about 10-12 minutes, and the second about

15-18. This is an opportunity for you to get lots of structured feedback.

**Participation:** There is a substantial and poorly defined participation component to this course. It revolves around making a good-faith effort to be involved in departmental activity. You are not being asked to do everything, but some evidence of participating in things like departmental seminars, local conferences, economics extracurriculars, economics society, etc, is required. At the end of the year I will ask for a list of things you've done that count here.

**Disabilities and Access:** If you are a student with documentation for accommodations who anticipates needing supports or accommodations, please contact Marissa McIsaac, Accessibility Resource Facilitator at 902-585-1520, [disability.access@acadiau.ca](mailto:disability.access@acadiau.ca) or Emily Duffett, Accessibility Officer, 902-585-1823, [disability.access@acadiau.ca](mailto:disability.access@acadiau.ca). Accessible Learning Services is located in Rhodes Hall, rooms 111-115.

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