

**Econ 4903 - Honours Seminar**  
**Academic Year 2017-18 - 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 29th.
- October 27th.
- November 24th.
- January 26th.
- February 23rd.

These should be a *maximum* of one page each. Don’t worry about style or formatting here. Not being judged on writing.

**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 late in March. The first presentation should last about 15-20 minutes, and the second about 25-30.

**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.

**Disabilities and Access:** If you are a student with a documented disability who anticipates needing accommodations in this course, please inform me after you meet with Kathy ORourke (902-585-1823) [disability.access@acadiau.ca](mailto:disability.access@acadiau.ca) or Abu Kamara (902-585-1291) [abu.kamara@acadiau.ca](mailto:abu.kamara@acadiau.ca) in Accessibility Services, Student Resource Centre, lower level of the Old SUB.

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