

CARLETON UNIVERSITY
Department of Economics

ECON 4905B Honours Capstone Seminar (Winter 2020)

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Lectures/Seminars: Mondays (2:35pm-5:25pm)

Instructor's Office Hours: Wednesdays (1:30pm-2:20pm) in A810 Loeb

TA:

Course Description

The development of individual research projects in suitable economics topic areas with the exchange of results at each stage through in-class discussions and written and oral reports and culminating in a major research paper by each course registrant.

Precludes additional credit for ECON 4890, ECON 4900 (no longer offered), ECON 4901, and ECON 4902.

Prerequisites: ECON 3900 with a grade of C+ or higher, ECON 3920 with a grade of C+ or higher, and registration in an Honours Economics program.

Students who believe they have taken a similar background course or courses from another university must provide appropriate documentation to the Department of Economics Undergraduate Administrator, Amanda Wright.

Required Text: There is no required text.

Topics (Readings will be provided throughout the course)

I. Introduction to Economic Research

- Finding a Research Topic
- Literature Survey
- How to conduct an economic analysis
- How to write an economic paper

II. Introduction to Applied Microeconomic Research

- Theoretical Economic Analyses
- Empirical Economic Analyses

III. Student Presentations and Discussions

Each student will write a research paper on a topic related to applied microeconomic analysis. As part of this project, each student will do two presentations to the class. The first one will be about the chosen topic, related literature and research plan. The second one will be to report research findings. Attendance of each class is mandatory and discussion/participation will be evaluated.

Evaluation (deadlines to be updated/confirmed on CULearn)

Research Topic and Motivation (1-page)	5 marks (%) (Due by 2:30pm on January 20 and without a change)
Summary of Literature and Research Plan (and ppt-file Slides)	15 marks (%) (Due by 2:30pm before or by February 3)
*First Presentation (February 3 or/and 10)	5 marks (%)
First Draft of Research Paper (and ppt-file Slides)	25 marks (%) (Due by 2:30pm before or by March 2)
*Second Presentation (March 9, 16 and maybe 23)	5 marks (%)
Paper (15-25 pages, hard copy and Word file, data and do files)	35 marks (%) (Due by noon/12:00pm of April 6)
Class Participation (attendance, discussions , etc.)	10 marks (%) (you will earn one mark for each full-class attended, up to a maximum of ten marks)

***Your TA will post details of your presentation schedule**

Course Materials

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Academic Accommodation:

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