



Department of Economics
ECON 4905 C
Honours Capstone Seminar
Winter 2022

Class: Mondays 8:35am – 11:25am (synchronous via Zoom)

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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.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

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

Prerequisite(s): 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.

Required Text

There is no required text.

Topics

I. Elementary Research Methods

- How to Find a Research Topic
- How to Conduct a Literature Survey
- How to Write an Empirical Paper

II. Dissection of Sample Research Papers

- Literature Surveys
- Empirical Analyses
- Theoretical Analyses

III. Student Presentations and Discussions

Each student will write a research paper on a topic related to microeconomics. 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.

Evaluation

Submission of Research Topic	5% (Due by 5:00pm on January 31)
Summary of Literature and Research Plan	10% (Due by 5:00pm on February 7)
First Presentation	5% (The schedule will be posted early in the term)
First Draft of Research Paper	20% (Due by 5:00pm on March 7)
Second Presentation	10% (The schedule will be posted during the term)
Final Paper	45% (Due by 5:00pm on April 11)
Class Participation	5%

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor, subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No course grades are final until approved by the Faculty Dean. Note also that course grades may be scaled upwards or downwards in a rank-preserving manner to better fit the relevant departmental distributional norm.

Format of Online Classes

The online classes will be conducted synchronously via Zoom. The web link to the weekly Zoom classes will be announced through Brightspace before the first week of classes.

Recordings of the weekly Zoom classes will be made available through Brightspace.

A student is required to turn on the webcam when he/she is presenting his/her work to the class. Otherwise, the use of webcam is optional.

Teaching Assistant

TA's contact information will be posted at the Brightspace course website when it becomes available.

Course Materials

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Plagiarism

Please be aware that plagiarism is serious offence at Carleton and should be recognized and avoided. The University Senate defines plagiarism as "*presenting, whether intentionally or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one's own.*" For further information, read "Academic Integrity and Offenses Conduct" at <https://carleton.ca/economics/courses/writing-preliminaries/academic-integrity-and-offenses-of-conduct/>.

Requests for Academic Accommodation

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request, the processes are as follows:

Pregnancy Obligation

Please write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Equity Services website:

carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf

Religious Obligation

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Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website (carleton.ca/pmc) for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (if applicable).

Survivors of Sexual Violence

As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and where survivors are supported through academic accommodations as per Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy. For more information about the services available at the university and to obtain information about sexual violence and/or support, visit:
<https://carleton.ca/equity/sexual-assault-support-services>

Accommodation for Student Activities

Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, see the policy:
<https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf>