



**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
ECON 692H, Spring 2014**

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Thu: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Please take appointment for a meeting at other times. Walk-ins are welcome but please do not come during the half hour before class time.

Objective: Complete your research project as outlined in your proposal and defend it successfully in front of a committee.

Defense dates: March 31st to April 11th. You will be required to do a 10 – 15 minute presentation of your research and defend your results in front of a committee.

Important Deadlines/Dates:

March 1st : Targeted date for research Wrap-up

March 1st to March 24th: Writing period – Please submit your thesis by chapters to your advisor for feedback.

March 24th: Submit your thesis to your advisor and me.

March 31st to April 11th: Oral defense – some revisions might be suggested at your defense.

April 14, 2014, 12:00 noon. – Submit your thesis if you want your name to be included in the Commencement Program. Please forward the email confirmation of your submission to me by 12:00 noon so that I can forward your name to the Honors office.

April 25, 2013, 12:00 noon. Please note: Students whose names are reported to the Honors Carolina office on April 25, 2013 will NOT receive recognition in the Commencement Program. Please forward the email confirmation of your submission to me by 12:00 noon so that I can forward your name to the Honors office.

Grades: If you successfully defend your thesis and submit it by the deadline outlined above, you will graduate with HONORS or HIGHEST HONORS. There will also be an award for the BEST THESIS. In order to determine whether your thesis qualifies for HIGHEST HONORS OR BEST THESIS AWARD, the following will be taken into consideration along with your advisor's recommendation:

- i) Quality of your research.
- ii) Quality of your writing.
- iii) Your performance in the classroom presentations.

In the event that you are unable to complete your research, you will still be required to submit a written term paper which should be between 20 to 25 pages long by April 25th, 2014. In this case, your grade will be determined based on the following weights:

Class Presentations:	25%
Research Results:	25%
Written Paper:	50%

Grading Scale:

At least 93%	A
At least 90% but less than 93%:	A-
At least 87% but less than 90%:	B+
At least 83% but less than 87%	B
At least 80% but less than 83%:	B-
At least 77% but less than 80%:	C+
At least 73% but less than 77%:	C
At least 70% but less than 73%:	C-
At least 67% but less than 70%:	D+
At least 60% but less than 67%:	D
Less than 60%:	F

Conference participation opportunities and Undergraduate Journal publication opportunities:

(1) Presentation in UNC's undergraduate Research Symposium:

All students are very strongly recommended to participate in the Undergraduate research symposium. The symposium will be held on April 14, 2014. Details of the symposium are available at <http://our.unc.edu/symposia/cur/>. **Deadline for submission of abstract is March 1, 2014 (sooner if possible).**

Limited funds are available from the Economics department for printing posters for participation in this.

(2) <http://carrollround.georgetown.edu/> The 13th Annual Conference of the Carroll Round Conference at Georgetown University will be held between April 10 -13, 2014. If your paper is accepted, the conference will fund most of the expenses associated with attending the event. UNC also has funds available. Please consider this seriously if your thesis is in a topic related to International Economics. Please apply at <http://www12.georgetown.edu/sfs/carrollround/apply/>

(3) <http://www.aeaweb.org/students/Opportunities.php> lists other conferences where undergraduates can present their research.

Funding for Travel to present your research:

http://cfx.research.unc.edu/funding/fund_detail.cfm?id=271 The Office for Undergraduate Research has awards for UNC-CH undergraduate students to defray the cost of travel to present results of their research or creative performance at a professional conference in their field.

What will be the final thesis format? Please see the sample thesis that I have shared with you. Wilson Library has bound copies of thesis from past years.

Your theses will typically include the following sections:

- (1) Title Page with Advisor's signature
- (2) Acknowledgement
- (3) Abstract (150-200 word summary)
- (4) Introduction
- (5) Literature Review
- (6) Theoretical Model
- (7) Empirical Model
- (8) Data
- (9) Results and findings
- (10) Conclusion

How to submit Thesis: The following is reproduced from

["http://honorscarolina.unc.edu/files/2013/11/Senior-Thesis-Guidelines_ProfSchools-2013-2014.pdf"](http://honorscarolina.unc.edu/files/2013/11/Senior-Thesis-Guidelines_ProfSchools-2013-2014.pdf)

Electronic Submission of Senior Honors Theses:

Beginning in Fall 2013, students will no longer submit paper copies of their senior honors theses for archiving in the North Carolina Collection in Wilson Library. Instead, they will submit their theses electronically via the Carolina Digital Repository (CDR). Submissions are due by the last day of class in the semester in which students complete their theses. The University Library will catalog electronic theses and make them available to the public.

Students should follow these steps to submit their completed thesis to the CDR:

1. Log in to <https://cdr.lib.unc.edu/forms/honors-thesis.form> using Onyen.
2. Complete required fields and upload documents:
REQUIRED DOCUMENT #1 - A scanned copy of their thesis cover page only, signed by the thesis advisor, in pdf format using the following naming convention: "GraduationYear_LastName_Cover.pdf" (ex. 2013_Clemmons_Cover.pdf)
REQUIRED DOCUMENT #2 - The thesis in PDF format using the following naming convention: "GraduationYear_LastName.pdf" (ex. 2013_Clemmons.pdf)
OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS – Additional supplemental files in PDF format using the this naming convention: GraduationYear_LastName_SupplementalFileNumber.pdf" (example: 2013_Clemmons_2.pdf)
Students who have supplemental files larger than 500MB should contact the CDR staff at cdr@unc.edu to arrange an alternative file transfer method.
3. Click "Submit Deposit"

Tentative Schedule for Spring 2014: Due to the nature of this course, there will likely be some changes during the semester. Changes will be announced in Sakai. You are expected to be

available during class time either for class meetings or meetings in my office throughout the semester.

Date	
January 9, 2014	Class Meeting
January 14, 2014	Meetings in my office
January 16, 2014	Meetings in my office
January 21, 2014	Meetings in my office
January 23, 2014	Meetings in my office
January 28, 2014	Meetings in my office
January 30, 2014	Class presentations – Update of your research
February 4, 2014	Class presentations – Update of your research
February 6, 2014	Class presentations – Update of your research
February 11, 2014	Class presentations – Update of your research
February 13, 2014	Class presentations – Update of your research
February 18, 2014	Meetings in my office
February 20, 2014	Meetings in my office
February 25, 2014	Meetings in my office
February 27, 2014	Meetings in my office
March 4, 2014	Meetings in my office
March 6, 2014	Meetings in my office
March 18, 2014	Final round of presentations
March 20, 2014	Final round of presentations
March 25, 2014	Final round of presentations

March 27, 2014	Final round of presentations
March 31 – April 11 th , 2014	Defense – PLEASE SIGN UP ON DOODLE.
April 14, 2014	Submission of your thesis – First deadline – Your name will be included in the Commencement program.
April 25, 2014	Submission of your thesis – Final deadline – Your name will NOT be in the Commencement program.