



**Spring 2013**  
**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
**ECON 692H: Economic Development**

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Pre-requisite: ECON 691H

ECON 692H is structured as a seminar course with presentations by students on their research and writing a thesis. Hence, the course is research, writing and presentation intensive. You will be expected to provide chapters of your thesis to your advisor and me and get feedback on your thesis. **Please give us sufficient time to give feedback.** You will very likely be asked to revise your writing. **You will also be required to present your research work to your faculty adviser and me and orally defend your work.**

**Meeting Times:** We will meet in class for presentations and discussion of your research. I will post meeting dates in Sakai. Please sign up in doodle for presentations. You will also be expected to meet me periodically and your advisor frequently to discuss the progress of your work.

**Some Working Tips:**

- Research projects whether undertaken by novice or experienced researchers will frequently run into unexpected pitfalls and crises. Please start working hard from today (January 9, 2013) and do not save anything for last minute.
- Try to keep your course load for this semester at a manageable level so that you can devote significant time for research.
- If your writing skills are not good, please expect to spend significant time writing and revising.

**Presentations:**

Preliminary results – Week of February 11, 2013

Results and Discussion – Week of March 4, 2013

Oral Defense – Week of April 1, 2013 (Please sign up in doodle after confirming the time with your advisor)

**Submission Dates:**

First draft of Thesis (SOFT COPY) – March 27, 2013

Final copy of Thesis signed by advisor (SOFT AND HARD COPY) – 9:00 a.m. on April 8, 2013

**Preparation and Submission of Honors Theses:** I have reproduced the important points relevant to you from the Guidelines for the Preparation and Submission of Honors Theses from <http://www.unc.edu/depts/honors/docs/guidelines.pdf>

*The North Carolina Collection in Wilson Library is the official depository for all undergraduate honors theses from this campus. Each thesis received is catalogued, bound in a volume with others from that department, and permanently preserved in the closed stacks of the North Carolina Collection. Receipt of an approved honors thesis by the North Carolina Collection is tantamount to publication, and the thesis will be made available to the public.*

*1. The archival copy (the copy submitted to the North Carolina Collection) must be printed single sided on 8 ½" x 11" paper, 100% cotton content, 16, 20, or 24 weight, with a 1 ½ inch left margin for binding.*

*2. If the thesis includes original art, photographs, graphs, charts, maps, or similar items, the copy deposited with the North Carolina Collection must have those original items, not photocopies. Videos, cassettes, or other sound or image formats that are part of the honors essay must also be submitted.*

*3. Each thesis should be signed on the title page by the student's advisor.*

**Grades:**

Based on your performance throughout the semester and the quality of your final thesis, your faculty advisor and I will recommend to the Undergraduate Affairs Committee that you receive one of the following grades:

- (1) Highest Honors with a letter grade for 692H
- (2) Honors with a letter grade for 692H
- (3) A letter grade for 692H.

**Best Thesis Award:** The best thesis will receive an award from the Economics department.

**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

**Conference participation opportunities and Undergraduate Journal publication opportunities:**

- <http://carrollround.georgetown.edu/> in April, 2013 if your topic is in International Economics. 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.
- Symposia: Celebration of Undergraduate Research at UNC held in mid-April, 2013. [http://www.unc.edu/depts/our/symposia/symposia\\_cur.html](http://www.unc.edu/depts/our/symposia/symposia_cur.html). I strongly encourage you to present your research in this event. There is an award for the best poster.
- <http://www.aeaweb.org/students/Opportunities.php> lists other conferences where undergraduates can present their research.

**Funding for Travel to present your research:**

[https://cfx.research.unc.edu/funding/fund\\_detail.cfm?id=271](https://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.