



**Economics 692H - Honors Seminar in Economics
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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Objective:

Conduct original research under the guidance of a faculty member and write a thesis and orally defend the research findings.

The Honors Thesis program is a two-semester program that gives the student an opportunity to work closely with UNC faculty. Many students find this to be one of the most intense but very rewarding academic experiences of college.

Defense dates:

March 23rd to April 8th. 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:

January 18 – February 8 – Research workshop and individual meetings

February 13, 15, 22, and 27, March 1 – Class presentations of your thesis

March 6nd: Submit your thesis to your advisor, your classmate-reviewer, and me

March 13th: Provide written comments (review report) on the thesis of one of your classmates

March 20th: Respond to comments and submit your thesis to your advisor and me

March 23rd to April 8th: Oral defense – some revisions might be suggested at your defense

April 7th, 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 noon so that I can forward your name to the Honors office.

April 26th, noon: Submit your thesis and forward the email confirmation of your submission to me by noon so that I can forward your name to the Honors office. Please note that students whose names are reported to the Honors Carolina office on April 26th will NOT receive recognition in the Commencement Program.

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 26th, 2017. In this case, your grade will be determined based on the following weights:

Class presentation:	20%
Referee report:	10%
Research results:	20%
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

Academic integrity:

UNC Honor Code will be strictly enforced for all course work. Please refer to honor.unc.edu if you have any questions about the honor code. Given the nature of this course, please be careful with plagiarism issues by paying attention to proper citation of works that you have used for your research.

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 18. Details of the symposium are available at <http://our.unc.edu/symposia/cur/>. **Limited funds are available from the Economics department for printing posters for participation in this**

- (2) <http://carrollround.georgetown.edu/> The 16th Annual Conference of the Carroll Round Conference at Georgetown University will be held between April 20 -23, 2017. If your paper is accepted, the conference will fund most of the expenses associated with attending the event. UNC may also have funds. Please consider this seriously if your thesis is in a topic related to International Economics.

Please apply at <http://carrollround.georgetown.edu/application>

- (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://our.unc.edu/students/funding-opportunities/conference-travel-award/> 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 theses that I have shared with you. Wilson Library has bound copies of theses 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:

<http://honorscarolina.unc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Senior-Thesis-Guidelines-Feb42016.pdf>

Electronic Submission of Senior Honors Theses:

Students are required to 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)*
 3. Click "Submit Deposit"
- Students who have supplemental files larger than 500MB should contact the CDR staff at cdr@unc.edu to arrange an alternative file transfer method.*