

Reminder: Vote for your favorite ECON instructor! Respond by 4/15

We need your help to select this year's undergraduate teaching award winners! Please let us know which ECON instructors from Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 you would like to nominate for an award: <https://forms.gle/XGYxFzb9mT9PQcv88>

The survey will be open until noon on Monday, April 15th.

Attention Rising Seniors!

Applications Open for the Senior Honors Thesis Program in Economics

Dear Economics junior/rising senior students,

We are inviting applications for the Senior Honors Thesis Program for 2024-2025 academic year. The Department of Economics honors program offers outstanding economics students the opportunity to work closely with an individual faculty member on a specialized research topic of the student's choice during the senior year.

If you would like to be considered for the Senior Honors Thesis Program in your senior year, please fill out the application form.

APPLICATION FORM FOR 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR: [click here](#)

The deadline for submission is **April 30 (11:59 pm)**.

Notes on the selection process: The admission to the Senior Honors Thesis program in Economics is selective. We invite about 15 students per year. Students with a 3.5 grade point average in economics courses and 3.5 in all University course work are eligible to apply for this two-course program (ECON 691H and 692H). However, selected students generally have a higher grade point average than 3.5. We also consider previous economics courses students have taken. It is required to earn high grades in ECON 400 (or a substitute in statistics), ECON410, ECON420, ECON 470, and in at least one 400- or 500-level field course in economics. If one of these courses is missing, students can still qualify for the Honors program by taking this course in the Fall of their senior year. Familiarity with and access to a statistical analysis program such as STATA and/or R is highly recommended. During the application process, we will ask about your previous research experience. The lack of such experience does not disqualify students from writing a senior honors thesis. We encourage students from different backgrounds and experiences to apply.

Prof. Peter can answer your questions on Zoom on April 16 and April 23 at 4:00 PM. You are welcome to join the session at the link below.

<https://unc.zoom.us/j/94477454282?pwd=VHVSUllEhpubExnMVhCMTVMsXm1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 944 7745 4282

Passcode: becker

International Development Research Club @ UNC [FLYER]

The International Development Research Club @ UNC conducts comprehensive research on investment opportunities in developing countries, and hosts an annual conference to present our findings to the UNC community. Our goal is to inspire and prepare UNC students – future policy makers and business leaders – to support the economic development of the developing world.

We are recruiting students into our research groups (Environmental, Socio-Cultural, Economic, Political, Historical, and Investment), and believe there are students within the Economics department who would be interested in joining our organization.

2024 CDC Chair Applications

Apply now to join the Carolina Data Challenge (CDC) 2024!

Carolina Analytics and Data Science (CADS) is currently seeking dedicated students to serve as **Chairs** for the upcoming 2024 Carolina Data Challenge in the fall! The opening chairs' positions range from sponsorship to logistics, and it is a great opportunity to get involved in organizing a data-science hackathon!

Carolina Data Challenge (CDC) is UNC's weekend-long datathon that brings together hundreds of participants from across campus, numerous corporate sponsors, tons of free food as well as merch, and hundreds of dollars of prizes! CDC is completely beginner-friendly, with numerous workshops and networking opportunities for those completely new to data science.

Hosted at UNC Computer Science's Sitterson Hall, participants will be able to work on an interesting data science project in teams, interact with our sponsors at the sponsorship fair, attend workshops to learn new data science skills, eat free food, earn prizes, and meet new friends also interested in data science!

Current chair positions open include:

- **Chair of Logistics Coordinator**
- **Chair of Catering Logistics**
- **Chair of Workshop Logistics**
- **Chair of Outreach Marketing**
- **Chair of Sponsorship Coordination!**

More detailed description and responsibilities on each role can be found in the application.

APPLY HERE: <https://forms.gle/zLiZo8xKvbZnKCFA8>

DEADLINE: Thursday, **April 18th, 2024** at 11:59pm EDT

For further insight into the CDC event, feel free to visit the CDC 2023 website: <https://cdc.cs.unc.edu/>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at carolinadatascience@gmail.com.

Join a Paid Research Study on Sedentary Behavior and Heart Health! [\[FLYER\]](#)

Are you interested in contributing to cutting-edge research aimed at understanding the link between sedentary behavior (e.g., sitting) and heart health?

Here's what participation involves:

- Two visits (2 hours each) to the Cardiometabolic Lab (Fetzer Hall), separated 12 months apart. We'll evaluate your heart health via body composition (DEXA Scan), heart rate, blood pressure, and blood biomarkers.
- After each visit there will be sedentary behavior and sleep monitoring for 7 days while you go about your normal daily life.

Here's what you get for taking part:

- A total of \$100 in gift cards.
- Receive access to your study data, including DEXA scan and blood biomarker results, providing a free health screening.
- Two entries to a random prize draw (worth \$500 each).
- Free campus parking for the duration of your lab visits.
- The chance to see how world-leading research is conducted.

To take part, you must:

- Be aged between 18-24 years.
- Expect to be available approximately 12 months after the date you complete your first study visit, to complete your second visit.

How to sign up:

- Visit our Research for Me page: studies.unc.edu/22-0819
- Email us: aidenjc@unc.edu

This study (CONTEXT-SB) has been approved by the UNC Institutional Review Board (IRB #22-0819) on 04/07/2022.

Please see this special message from the Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Department of Sociology:

Summer SOCI Courses

Summer is almost upon us. If you're interested in taking summer courses, consider taking some Sociology courses! Many of these courses fulfill gen ed requirements. **Summer course registrations are open on ConnectCarolina, so you can go ahead and register yourself for any of these.**

Course code	Title	Instructor	Time
Maymester	May 15-31, 2024		
SOCI 122	Race and Ethnicity (REMOTE SYNC) <i>(see below the table for more info)</i>	Kathleen Fitzgerald	MTWThF 9-12:15
SOCI 422	Soci of Mental Health and Illness	Grace Franklyn	MTWThF 11:30-2:45
Summer I	May 15-June 22, 2024		
SOCI 123	Crime and Delinquency	Sarah Brown	MTWThF 9:45-11:15
SOCI 130	Family and Society	Kaitlin Joshua	MTWThF 11:30-1
SOCI 180	Intro to Global Population Health	René Iwo	MTWThF 9:45-11:15
SOCI 252	Data Analysis	Margaret Palmer	MTWThF 1:15-2:45
SOCI 410	Formal Orgs and Bureaucracy	Jenna Wertsching	MTWThF 9:45-11:15
SOCI 412	Social Stratification	Ian Wallace	MTWThF 9:45-11:15
SOCI 415	Economy and Society	Christine Mooney	MTWThF 11:30-1
Summer II	June 24-July 30, 2024		
SOCI 101	Sociological Perspectives	Anna Gardner	MTWThF 11:30-1
SOCI 124	Sex and Gender in Society	Inés Martínez Echagüe	MTWThF 9:45-11:15
SOCI 251	Research Methods	Chris Brehm	MTWThF 9:45-11:15

SOCI 122 Maymester: Note that you will have one short and inexpensive text to purchase (available as an ebook or a hard copy); open book/open note final exam; daily attendance points; group work.

Economics Internship Panel

Thursday, April 18 from 5 – 6 pm

Gardner room 008

See [FLYER](#) for details and a QR code for registering!