

Looking for a way to integrate and apply what you have learned in your Economics courses?

Consider writing a Senior Honors Thesis

What is that?

A program of faculty-guided research during your senior year resulting in an original paper that incorporates extensive research, critical analysis, and a sustained argument centered on a defined research question or hypothesis.

What are the benefits?

- Earn 6 credit hours for the major
- Graduate with honors or highest honors (indicated on your transcript)
- Develop a capacity to think about economic problems on your own
- Seek the answer to a question of interest to you
- Gain significant, practical experience doing actual research, in close collaboration with experienced research faculty
- Acquire a vehicle to demonstrate your unique skills to potential employers
- Secure stronger reference letters for job applications
- Increase your attractiveness to graduate school

Who is eligible?

- A GPA of 3.5 or better
- Strong grades in 400- or 500-level economics courses
- Background in econometrics (you are encouraged to take ECON 470)
- Apply by May 30 for the 2018/19 honors program

What can you do now?

- Read a couple of theses to get an idea of what is expected
- Read journal articles in areas you find interesting in order to expand your thesis topic ideas
- Have a copy of Stata and learn to use it properly
- Start thinking about potential datasets early
- Aim to get an advisor before you leave campus in May of your junior year

Challenge Yourself!