

ECONOMICS DEPARTMENTAL HONORS TIMELINE

● FRESHMAN YEAR

- **Take honors sections of ECO 304K and 304L if eligible** (*Honors sections are optional. Restricted to students in an honors program, such as: Freshman Honors, Plan II Honors, or Business Honors programs*)
- **Consider UGS 303 Creative Problem-Solving or UGS 303 Research Methods**
- **Read economics-related newspapers, magazines, journals** (*NY Times, Wall St Journal, The Economist, The Journal of Economic Perspectives, Greg Mankiw's blog*)
- **Begin to collect ideas, books/articles, and faculty advice on topics that interest you** (*in a notebook or e-folder*)
- **At year's end submit Economics Honors application to Honors Coordinator** (*After completing 6 hrs of ECO at UT & establishing a 3.0 UT GPA & 3.5 ECO GPA at UT*)

● SOPHOMORE YEAR

- **Take honors sections of "core" eco classes if offered-** (*Honors sections are optional and availability is not guaranteed. See Eco Advising Office to register*)
- **Take LAH 112H The Nature of Inquiry** (*Optional. Must have 45 hours completed*)
- **In Fall visit an Office of Undergraduate Research Info Session and in Spring attend Undergraduate Research Week and the Economics Honors Symposium**
- **Discuss your developing research ideas with several professors and follow-up on their recommendations and referrals. Continue to add to your research idea collection.**
- **Apply to the economics honors society, ODE at UT** (*Optional. Must have completed 12 hours of economics, have a 3.5 ECO GPA, 3.0 UT GPA*)
- **Use the summer to read** (*books, articles, journals, blogs, your research idea collection*) **and organize your thoughts. Study abroad and internships are also good for exploring/generating topic ideas**

● JUNIOR YEAR

- **Continue to discuss your topic ideas with several professors. Begin to intensify the search for faculty mentors and narrow research topics**
- **Check out the ECO Honors Thesis database** (*<http://blogs.utexas.edu/ecoadvising/honors/>*)

- **By mid-year narrow to two or three topic ideas and discuss with prospective faculty supervisors.** *(See Economics Thesis Manual).*
- **Participate in Research Week events and the Economics Honors Symposium** *(volunteer to be a discussant)*
- **By year's end write a proposal draft, enter into a firm agreement with a thesis supervisor, and discuss plans for summer reading/research** *(See Honors Coordinator for thesis approval signature form)*

- **SENIOR YEAR**

- **See Honors Coordinator at the beginning of each semester to confirm thesis course registration** *(ECO 378H then ECO 379H)*
- **Meet with your supervisor in the first week of semester to agree on a schedule** *(see Economics Thesis Manual and thesis syllabus from Honors Coordinator)*
- **Attend a UT Library Info session**
- **Meet with your supervisor regularly and follow your checklist closely**
- **In ECO 378H you will refine your topic and methodology, conduct research, and submit a “working paper” at semester end** *(usually a detailed outline)*
- **In ECO 379H you will conclude any remaining research; organize, analyze, and write your thesis**
- **Present your thesis** *(usually at the Spring Economics Honors Symposium)*
- **Submit bound copy of completed Honors Thesis during final exam week**
- **Graduate with “Special Honors in Economics”** *(must maintain 3.0 UT, 3.5 ECO GPA)*