Application: Honors Thesis Program in Economics

Prospective honors candidates should apply in writing to the department chair in the spring semester of their junior year. More information available here.

Eligibility: Honors candidates must pass Economics 495H in the Fall semester of senior year and earn a grade of A- or better in Economics 495H during Spring semester of senior year. They also must graduate with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in the major and 3.2 overall at the time of graduation.

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Class year: _________________________________________________________

Eco and Overall GPA: ______________________________________________

Which courses will you have completed by Summer ‘20? (circle all that apply and list grade earned):

ECO 105 Stats & Basic Econometrics: ____
ECO 202 Intermediate Micro: ____
ECO 203 Intermediate Macro: ____
ECO 205 Econometrics: ____

List two economics faculty with whom you have consulted, who have agreed to be on your honors thesis committee:

After consultation with a mentor regarding possible research projects, students should write a proposal containing all the elements described below. The proposal will be submitted electronically via email along with this completed form to Dr. Stroup and Baker by midnight on May 1st. Completed proposals should be divided into the following sections, with section headings:

Introduction (Description of Project): In 100 words max, describe your research question (a sentence ending with a question mark) and what you want to know.

Justification (Connection to literature): Why is this work important? (250 words max)

Preparation - What previous work have you done that prepares you for this project? (150 words max) (e.g. preliminary work, relevant course work, previous research experience/creative projects)

Applications will be scored using the following criteria: Whether the applicant has secured consent from a faculty adviser, number of core courses taken and grades earned, DRI rubric criteria for research project proposal, ECO GPA.