

Honors Tutorial Fall 2009 (1960): Instructor: Kfir Eliaz (kfir_eliaz@brown.edu)

The goal of this course is to help you make the first steps in preparing your honors thesis. Achieving this goal requires you meet four objectives:

- (1) Choose a good research question
- (2) Understand how to go about answering this question
- (3) Learn to give and accept criticism
- (4) Practice writing a research paper

Overview of assignments:

- (1) Read papers, listen to presentations, answer questions on papers
- (2) Submit research proposals
- (3) Present research proposals
- (4) Submit comments on presentations and proposals
- (5) Submit drafts of papers

Grading:

- (1) Meeting deadlines: Completing assignments on time
- (2) Class attendance (mandatory)
- (3) Participation in class (based on my subjective impression)
- (4) Quality and originality of work (based on my subjective judgment)

What we won't do:

- Learn how to gather and analyze data,
- Learn economic theory

It is assumed that you have taken enough courses on statistics and economics to allow you to understand economic models and to execute empirical research. You will not learn these skills in this course.