Writing a thesis is hard and often lonely work. This seminar is an opportunity to share the experience with other thesis writers, learn advanced research techniques, and get valuable feedback on your thesis. The class is designed to complement your on-going meetings with your thesis advisor(s).

Requirements of the class include attending the weekly seminar as well as regular attendance at department seminars. Class participants will be expected to make occasional in-class presentations. Note the extra required meeting on December 7 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm (the December Graduate Happy Hour).

Readings

These readings are chosen to help you organize and write your thesis. Some of the readings are general in nature and others focused more for economics. None of these books are required purchases but the starred ones (*) are highly recommended for purchase.

I. Good Research Practices


II. General Grammar

You need some basic reference for writing a thesis. One example is


The next book is one that all students should own and read (repeatedly). I still pull my 1979 copy off the shelf and re-read sections every few months. It is concise, highly readable, and ever helpful:

This following book is also a favorite of many professional writers and is as readable as Strunk and White:


All these books can be ordered used from half.com or some other website for about the price of a cup of coffee at Starbucks.

**III. Guides for Research in Economics**

This paper is oriented towards Ph.D. students writing a dissertation.