For the class of 2022

Fall 2021

- Attend a senior essay informational meeting.

- Enroll in Econ 491a (not necessary if you are doing a senior essay out of a fall seminar)

- Choose an advisor and a topic. You should refer to the Potential Advisors webpage for help finding an advisor who is available and is appropriate for your topic. If you have difficulty with finding an advisor, see the ECON 491 instructor or the DUS for suggestions. There are many economics faculty members who may be ideal advisors for your topic. Students may also choose a campus economist from outside of the department. (Permission of the DUS required to choose a non-economist adviser.) In order to do an essay out of a fall seminar, you need the seminar professor to agree to be your advisor (for both semesters in the case of a 2-term essay).

- Meet with your advisor regularly. It is the student’s responsibility to make sure that these regular meetings occur.

- Submit a “Senior Essay Prospectus” on or before Monday, October 4, 2021 by 4:30 pm. The prospectus must be signed by your advisor. All students planning to write a senior essay must hand in a prospectus at this time. Failure to do so results in your not being permitted to write an essay. A late prospectus will not be accepted without a Dean’s note.

- Students enrolled in a 2-term essay must submit a written progress report to their advisor on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. For essays involving substantial data collection and statistical analysis, a description of the research question and the data that has been gathered for analysis may be appropriate. For others, a portion of the essay itself or a detailed outline describing the thesis question, existing literature, and planned method of analysis is suitable. Based on this report, your advisor will be asked to give you a temporary grade of satisfactory or not satisfactory for the fall term. This temporary grade will be replaced by the final grade on your senior essay in April.

- A student who wishes to change a 1-term essay to a 2-term essay must get permission from the advisor and the DUS prior to the Thanksgiving break. To convert, a student must have made satisfactory progress on the essay by that time. No conversions will be allowed after Thanksgiving.
1-term senior essays are due to your advisor on **Wednesday, December 8, 2021 by 4:30 pm.** For students doing a 1-term essay by enrolling in Econ 491a, the advisor will evaluate and grade the paper, which will be your grade for the course. For students doing a 1-term essay out of a seminar, the advisor will evaluate and grade the paper, but the essay grade will not appear on your transcript. The grade and evaluation will be used for determination of distinction and departmental prizes. A final version of the 1-term senior essay must be submitted on or before **Wednesday, April 6, 2022 by 4:30pm** via email to the Economics Undergraduate Registrar for grading by the outside anonymous reader. Late essays will not be accepted (in either December or April) without a Dean’s note. (Note: students doing the 1-term essay may continue to make additional revisions beyond the fall term before the April due date. Please bear in mind however, that advisors of 1-term essays may have other commitments and are not obligated to advise you beyond the fall term.)

**Spring 2022**

- For students doing 2-term essays, enroll in Econ 492b.
- 2-term senior essays must be submitted on or before **Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 4:30pm** via email to the Economics Undergraduate Registrar. Late essays will not be accepted without a Dean’s note.
- Advisor’s Reports with grades and comments and Reader’s Reports with grades and comments are usually available by the end of reading week in the Economics Undergraduate Registrar’s Office.

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