**Distinction in the Major/Senior Essay**

Seniors who wish to be considered for distinction in the economics major must meet the grade standards for distinction and submit a senior essay in April of their senior year written in Econ 491a (a one-term essay), in Econ 491a and 492b (a two-term essay), or in Econ 400-489 (a seminar or advanced lecture-discussion class wherein, with additional work, the term paper has been developed with the help of the seminar instructor to senior essay status). All senior essays must be done with the help of an advisor. Prospectuses for senior essays in Econ 491a and Econ 492b must be submitted and approved in October.

It is a good idea (but not required) to try to choose a senior-essay topic and to find an advisor during the spring of your junior year. This allows you to start research over the summer.

Please attend one of the senior essay informational meetings in the first week of classes for more details. (Consult your bluebook for days and times.)

Also please refer to the [Senior Essay Guidelines](https://economics.yale.edu/distinction-majorsenior-essay).

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