Background

• Department Honors is:
  
  • Independent research
  
  • Meets the capstone requirement of SAS honors
  
  • Introduces you to undertaking research in Economics
  
  • Good preparation for jobs involving research and analysis, law school, and graduate school
Requirements

- Overall GPA >3.5
- Econ GPA >3.7
- B+ or higher in Econ 322
- An adviser (Don’t forget this one)
  - Must be a member of the tenure-track faculty of the Economics Department
Two Tracks

- Independent Launch
  - Students take two semesters of “Honors research” and with the help of their adviser complete an honors thesis

- Course based Launch
  - Students write a paper in an existing course and then take one extra semester of “Honors Research” and substantially improve paper (with the help of a faculty adviser) to be used as honors thesis
The “Nuts and Bolts”

- Honors students take
  - Econ 401 Advanced Cross-sectional and Panel Econometrics (in Fall)
  - Econ 493 if independent launch or approved upper-level elective if course-based launch (in Fall)
  - Econ 494 (in Spring)

- Final Draft of Thesis due in early April (no extensions)
- Final Presentation of Thesis in mid-April.
Application Process

• Submit application by July 1, 2017

  • Application form on Honors Research webpage
    • [http://economics.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/honors-and-awards/honors-research](http://economics.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/honors-and-awards/honors-research)

  • A brief description of proposed Honors project

  • A letter (or email) from faculty adviser agreeing to advise you.
Registration

- After being admitted into program you will be given special permission numbers to enroll in
  - Econ 401
  - Econ 493

- This will be emailed to you in July or August.
Finding a Topic

• Go back through notes and reading lists from favorite Economics elective courses


• Ask faculty for suggestions.
Finding an Adviser

• Don’t be “afraid” – we don’t bite!

• Start with professors you know; even if your current professor does not do work in your area of interest, ask for recommendations of professors who do.

• Come prepared; have a possible topic or at least an area of study to propose.