Economics 496S
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This is the second semester of the 495-496 Honors Research Workshop Sequence. Econ 495 is a prerequisite for this course.

General Notes:
- Please turn in single sided hard copies, double spaced, minimum of 12 font.
- Number all equations.
- Number and provide an explanatory/descriptive title for all tables and figures.
- Use words, not variable names in tables and discussions.
- Be concise! Say only what you need to say and say it clearly. The easiest way to hide something is in a morass of other words and statements. Know the purpose of each paragraph, each sentence, each word.
- Ideally, your final thesis should be less than 30 pages.
- There are specific requests for each assignment – including formatting and max length. If you do not follow these requests, I will return it to you to redo and return. You will automatically lose 5% on the assignment grade if this occurs.

STATA license for Honors Students:
1. Download Stata/SE 14 from https://public.econ.duke.edu/stata
2. For AY 17-18:
   - Licensed software: Stata/SE 15
   - License type: Network
   - License term: Expires 07/23/2018
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FOR ALL THESIS ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Hard copy in class: Provide track changes if you have significantly edited any earlier sections of the paper. Otherwise, clearly indicate new material.

2. Upload in Dropbox using filename based on assignment number X: LastName_Econ496_2018_AX.

DUE DATES

Jan. 30 A1. STATA EXERCISE DUE: Can work in groups of up to three.
Feb. 5 A2. DATA SECTION/COMPLETE MODEL SETUP DUE
March 8 A3. FINDINGS SECTION DUE
April 5 A4. DRAFT OF FINAL THESIS DUE

1. Complete the Faculty Thesis Guide Rubric and turn in with your paper.
2. Re-review your introduction and literature review to make sure that they appropriately match the final version of your research topic.
3. Thesis should ideally be less than 30 pages.

April 10-12 I will return comments.
April 14 Get Primary Advisor’s permission to submit. – Online request form.
April 18 Honors thesis due - submit paper and data online and one hard copy to EcoTeach. Declare if wish to be considered for the Symposium.
April 20 Poster Submission due online.
April 24 Honors Poster Session
April 27 Honors Research Symposium

Preliminary Results (i.e. Pass, High Pass or Fail) for the thesis will be made around May 1.

Graduation with Distinction results can only be announced after the final GPAs are known for all honors students, so this occurs after final grades are submitted.

Grades: 25% Presentations (missed presentation = -20% of this grade)
20% Workshop Participation (unexcused absence = -5% of this grade)
  5% Dropbox Folder, Stata Exercise, Poster
50% Thesis Assignments (-5% per day late)