ECONOMICS DEPARTMENTAL HONORS TIMELINE

● FRESHMAN YEAR
  - **Take honors sections of ECO 304K and 304L if eligible** *(Honors sections are optional. Restricted to students in an honors program, such as: Freshman Honors, Plan II Honors, or Business Honors programs)*
  - **Consider UGS 303 Creative Problem-Solving or UGS 303 Research Methods**
  - **Begin to collect ideas, books/articles, and faculty advice on topics that interest you** *(in a notebook or e-folder)*
  - **At year’s end submit Economics Honors application to Honors Coordinator** *(After completing 6 hrs of ECO at UT & establishing a 3.0 UT GPA & 3.5 ECO GPA at UT)*

● SOPHOMORE YEAR
  - **Take honors sections of “core” eco classes if offered** *(Honors sections are optional and availability is not guaranteed. See Eco Advising Office to register)*
  - **Take LAH 112H The Nature of Inquiry** *(Optional. Must have 45 hours completed)*
  - **In Fall visit an Office of Undergraduate Research Info Session and in Spring attend Undergraduate Research Week and the Economics Honors Symposium**
  - **Discuss your developing research ideas with several professors and follow-up on their recommendations and referrals. Continue to add to your research idea collection.**
  - **Apply to the economics honors society, ODE at UT** *(Optional. Must have completed 12 hours of economics, have a 3.5 ECO GPA, 3.0 UT GPA)*
  - **Use the summer to read** *(books, articles, journals, blogs, your research idea collection)* and organize your thoughts. Study abroad and internships are also good for exploring/generating topic ideas

● JUNIOR YEAR
  - **Continue to discuss your topic ideas with several professors. Begin to intensify the search for faculty mentors and narrow research topics**
  - **Check out the ECO Honors Thesis database** *(http://blogs.utexas.edu/ecoadvising/honors/)
- By mid-year narrow to two or three topic ideas and discuss with prospective faculty supervisors. *(See Economics Thesis Manual).*
- Participate in Research Week events and the Economics Honors Symposium *(volunteer to be a discussant)*
- By year’s end write a proposal draft, enter into a firm agreement with a thesis supervisor, and discuss plans for summer reading/research *(See Honors Coordinator for thesis approval signature form)*

**SENIOR YEAR**

- See Honors Coordinator at the beginning of each semester to confirm thesis course registration *(ECO 378H then ECO 379H)*
- Meet with your supervisor in the first week of semester to agree on a schedule *(see Economics Thesis Manual and thesis syllabus from Honors Coordinator)*
- Attend a UT Library Info session
- Meet with your supervisor regularly and follow your checklist closely
- In ECO 378H you will refine your topic and methodology, conduct research, and submit a “working paper” at semester end *(usually a detailed outline)*
- In ECO 379H you will conclude any remaining research; organize, analyze, and write your thesis
- Present your thesis *(usually at the Spring Economics Honors Symposium)*
- Submit bound copy of completed Honors Thesis during final exam week
- Graduate with “Special Honors in Economics” *(must maintain 3.0 UT, 3.5 ECO GPA)*

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