

HONS 3040H  
**Honors Research Methods**  
**Course Syllabus**

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Research methods in business and the social sciences to enhance directed-study participation and Honors thesis/project preparation.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVE**

The section of HONS 3040H provides an introduction to the methods required to conduct research in business and the social sciences, with an emphasis on economic foundations. Students will learn how to formulate a research question, construct a bibliography, review and synthesize the relevant literature, and identify the appropriate analytical methods. Students will develop proposals for their own research projects and be prepared to approach faculty members to serve as project advisors. It is highly recommended that students have completed a course in microeconomic principles (e.g., ECON 2106) and introductory statistics (e.g., MSIT 3000 or STAT 2000).

## **COURSE MATERIAL**

Course material, which will be comprised primarily of scholarly articles, will be posted on eLC.

## **TOPICAL OUTLINE**

1. Some background in economics and statistics methods
2. Deciding – formulating a research question
3. Reading – constructing a bibliography
4. Researching – reviewing and synthesizing the literature
5. Analysis – choosing the right methods
6. Writing – from proposal to rough draft
7. Presenting – sharing your findings

## ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING POLICY

Grades will be determined on the basis of your performance on the following assignments:

<b>Component</b>	<b>Points</b>
participation	20
“deciding” essay	20
annotated bibliography	20
project proposal	20
proposal presentation	20

### **Class Attendance**

Regular class attendance is expected. [UGA academic regulations](#) authorize a professor to withdraw students with excessive absences and I will exercise that authority.

### **Exam Due Dates**

Failure to submit an assignment at the scheduled time will cause you to forfeit all of the points associated with that assignment.

## UNIVERSITY HONOR CODE & ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

*As a University of Georgia student, you have agreed to abide by the University’s academic honesty policy, “A Culture of Honesty,” and the Student Honor Code. All academic work must meet the standards described in “A Culture of Honesty” found at: [www.uga.edu/honesty](http://www.uga.edu/honesty). Lack of knowledge of the academic honesty policy is not a reasonable explanation for a violation. Questions related to course assignments and the academic honesty policy should be directed to the instructor.*

## CHANGES TO THE SYLLABUS

*The syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.*