

Additional Requirements for Econ 418h

- I. A research prospectus and paper are required of those students who are enrolled in section 2 (Honors).
 - A. The prospectus is worth 30 points and is due no later than Tuesday, September 22, 2009.
 - B. The research paper is worth 70 points and is due no later than Tuesday, December 1, 2009.
 - C. A late prospectus or research paper will not be accepted after its due date.
 - D. Students may work together in groups of 3 or less on the research prospectus and paper , i.e. no more than 3 names may appear on a completed assignment.

- II. The research prospectus
 - A. The prospectus is a 3 - 5 page double-spaced, typewritten proposal for the term research paper.
 - B. Acceptable topics for the term research paper include
 1. Applications of econometric methods to the estimation and testing of behavioral models
 2. Simulation studies of the statistical properties of some particular econometric estimation technique
 - C. The prospectus should contain the following:
 1. A discussion of the topic of the paper
 2. A discussion of the econometric methods to be used
 3. Documentation of the data sources to be used
 4. A working bibliography of source materials, i.e., books, articles.
 5. The prospectus is due no later than Tuesday, September 22, 2009. A late prospectus will not be accepted for credit.

- III. Term research paper
 - A. The length of the paper should be 15 - 25 typewritten, double-spaced pages, and the paper should follow the outline given below.
 - B. Outline of Research Paper
 1. Introduction and Survey of the Relevant Literature

2. Discussion of Methods Used and Data Sources
 3. Presentation and Discussion of Findings
 4. Footnote and Bibliography Pages
 5. Data Appendix (Computer Printout of Data Used, Equations Estimated)
- C. The research paper is due no later than Tuesday, December 1, 2009. A late paper will not be accepted for credit.

IV. Determination of the Final Course Grade

A. Total points possible.

	No Final	Optional Final
Take Home Problem Sets	125	125
Midterm Exam #1	125	125
Midterm Exam #2	125	125
Midterm Exam #3	125	125
Research Prospectus	30	30
Research Paper	70	70
(Optional) Comprehensive Final		100
Total Points	600	700

B. Guidelines for letter grades assignments

Grade	No Final	Optional Final
A	546+	637+
B	486–545	567–636
C	402–485	469–566
D	360–401	420–468
E	0–359	0–419