

ECONOMICS 100AH: HONORS MICROECONOMICS – FALL 2018

Sect A: Tuesdays 5-6pm

Sect B: Thursday 5-6pm

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Office Hrs: Tue/Thu, 9-10am, 4-5pm

The purpose of Econ 100AH is to give you an opportunity to explore a specialized topic of your interest, learn a bit about other interesting topics in microeconomics, and develop your presentation skills. Your task is to select a topic which is related to the material covered in ECON 100A, but either for reasons of time or difficulty is not treated in the actual course, and present a half-hour lecture to the class on the material.

I'll work with you in selecting a topic which interests you, and which is not too hard for you to absorb and present. I'll also be available during the quarter to go over the material with you, as well as discuss your presentation strategies and listen to practice presentations, if you'd like.

Each student must attend all the presentations in their own section, and at the beginning of each section, there will be a short quiz on the material presented in the previous class – don't worry, the exams won't be hard, just designed to see if you absorbed the basic ideas. The course grade will be based on both the quality of your presentation and your performance on the quizzes.

Besides exposing you to a topic of your interest and topics of interest to your classmates, this course provides you an opportunity to develop research and presentation skills that you would be unable to do in regular lecture courses. The research skills will be of use to you if you decide to go to graduate school in economics or some other discipline, and the presentation skills will be of even more use in job interviews. This type of interaction and performance in the course will also put me in a position to write a more detailed and positive letter of recommendation than I could otherwise write, both for graduate school or job applications.

course website:

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