

Economics 110BH – Winter 2010

Honors Section Syllabus

In this section we will be focusing on economists who are recognized as having made major contributions to macroeconomic theory. You will choose one economist to investigate, and will complete three projects focusing on that researcher.

To decide which economist you would like to research, refer to chapter 27 of our textbook, which outlines major contributions to macroeconomic theory over the past 60 years, and gives some details about the economists who made those contributions. Once you have narrowed down a short list of economists you find interesting, you will want to develop a list of their publications and awards. You will often be able to find this on their website. Use this list to track down some of their published journal articles in the library. Choose the economist whose papers you find most interesting.

The first project will be a two-page summary of one of the economist's major journal articles. The purpose of this project is to give you practice finding, reading, and interpreting economic journal articles. This two-page summary will be due 11:00 a.m. Friday January 22nd. This project will be worth 20% of your honors section grade.

The second project will be a 15-minute presentation to the students of the honors section. The topic of the presentation will be the journal article that you summarized in the first project. The purpose of this project is to give you practice presenting important economic results to a group. Presentations can be as low-tech or high-tech as you want. Presentations will begin Week 4 and end Week 10. More information about the schedule and requirements for the project will be provided in the next couple of weeks. This presentation will be worth 20% of your honors section grade.

The third project will be a ten-page paper summarizing the life's work of the economist and the influence the economist has had on subsequent macroeconomic research. The purpose of this project is to give you practice researching a particular topic in economics and composing a professionally written survey paper on that topic. This paper will be due 11:00 a.m. Friday March 12th. This research paper will be worth 40% of your honors section grade.

You will also be expected to participate actively in the presentation meetings, asking questions and making constructive comments. Your participation will be worth 20% of your honors section grade.

Schedule

- Meet weekly on Fridays 11:00 - 11:50 a.m. in Sequoyah Hall 244
- Get approval from Dr. Peters for your economist of choice by Friday January 15th.
- Two-page paper summary due 11:00 a.m. Friday January 22nd.
- Presentations: Weeks 4 - 10
- Final paper due 11:00 a.m. Friday March 12th.