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Senior Thesis-ECNS 499
The University of Montana
Spring 2016
SYLLABUS

INSTRUCTOR: Professor Kellenberg
CLASS HOURS: 12:10-1:00 PM, MWF
CLASS LOCATION: LA 308
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Note: The following syllabus defines the rules and important dates for the semester; however, I reserve the right to make changes if the need arises.

Prerequisite: Senior or graduate status and an Economics major.

General Description: This course is designed to facilitate completion of the senior thesis. By integrating the knowledge and skills you have developed in your economics courses, you will refine your skills of accessing, summarizing and communicating economic information both orally and in writing. The culmination of the course is a well written and executed senior research thesis project.

Texts:

Recommended: McCloskey, Deirdre, *Economical Writing, 2nd ed.*, Prospect Heights, IL: Waveland Press, 2000.

Learning Outcomes: This course has two primary learning outcomes:

- (1) to have students develop and write a successful senior thesis research paper; and
- (2) to solidify and enhance students' oral and written communication of quantitative and analytic material.

Grades: Your overall class grade will be based on your performance on 6 assignments as well as daily attendance and participation in class exercises and presentations. The breakdown of the overall class grade is as follows:

Attendance/Participation	15%
Assignment #1	5%
Assignment #2	5%
Assignment #3	5%
Assignment #4	5%
Assignment #5	15%
Assignment #6	50%

A Word on Cheating and Plagiarism: Do not do it! All students are expected to abide by the University of Montana Student Conduct Code. Any violators of the Student Code of Conduct will be subject to punishment as outlined in the Student Code. For more information on the Student Code of Conduct please consult the following website:

http://www.umt.edu/vpsa/policies/student_conduct.php

Students with Disabilities: If you are a student with a disability who will require reasonable program modifications in this course, please meet with Disability Services for Students in Lommasson 154 for assistance in developing a plan to address program modifications. If you are already working with Disability Services, please arrange to meet with me during my office hours to discuss reasonable modifications that may be necessary. For more information, visit the Disability Services website at <http://www.umt.edu/disability>.

Classroom Policies: I reserve the right to ask you to leave the classroom for the day if I perceive that you are being disruptive in any way to me or others in class. I view disruptive behavior to include things like talking on a cell phone, texting, tweeting, emailing, surfing the web, reading a newspaper or doing crosswords puzzles during class time. ***Cell phones must be put away (out of sight and ringers turned off) at all times.***

Course Drop Policy: The last day to drop the course is March 28, 2016. After March 28, I will only sign a drop slip if you have one of the documented circumstances approved by the university to drop by petition. *Documented justification is required for dropping courses by petition.* Some examples of documented circumstances that may merit approval are: accident or illness, family emergency, or other circumstances beyond the student's control. The fact that you may not be doing well in the course *is not* a circumstance that will merit approval.

- **Spring 2016 Schedule for ECNS 499**

	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
Week 1: 1/25 – 1/29	Introduction	McCloskey, Chapters 14-23	NO CLASS
Week 2: 2/1 – 2/5	McCloskey, Chapters 24-31	Assignment 1: Opening Paragraph Due Small Group Work Day	NO CLASS
Week 3: 2/8 – 2/12	Thesis statement paragraph examples	Assignment 2: Thesis Statement Paragraph Due Small Group Work Day	NO CLASS
Week 4: 2/15 – 2/19	President’s Day – NO CLASS	Graphs, Figures, and Tables examples	NO CLASS
Week 5: 2/22 – 2/26	NO CLASS Individual Writing Center Appointments	NO CLASS Individual Writing Center Appointments	NO CLASS Individual Writing Center Appointments
Week 6: 2/29 – 3/4	Assignment 3: Data & Model Section Draft Due Small Group Work Day	NO CLASS	NO CLASS
Week 7: 3/7 – 3/11	Data & Model Presentations	NO CLASS	Data & Model Presentations
Week 8: 3/14 -3/18	Data & Model Presentations	Data & Model Presentations	NO CLASS
Week 9: 3/21 – 3/25	NO CLASS	Assignment 4: Abstract Due Small Group Work Day	Assignment 5: Draft of Thesis Due Small Group Work Day
Week 10: 3/28 – 4/1	NO CLASS Individual Writing Center Appointments	NO CLASS Individual Writing Center Appointments	NO CLASS Individual Writing Center Appointments
Week 11: 4/4 – 4/8	NO CLASS (Spring Break)	NO CLASS (Spring Break)	NO CLASS (Spring Break)
Week 12: 4/11 – 4/15	NO CLASS	NO CLASS	NO CLASS
Week 13: 4/18 – 4/22	Thesis Presentations	Thesis Presentations	Thesis Presentations
Week 14: 4/25 – 4/29	NO CLASS	Thesis Presentations	Thesis Presentations
Week 15: 5/2 – 5/6	Thesis Presentations	Presentation Make-up day (if needed)	Assignment 6: Thesis Due
Week 16: Starting 5/9	Finals Week --No Class		