## BOSTON COLLEGE Department of Economics

ECON 4497 Senior Thesis Research Fall 2018 Class: M & W 8:30, Maloney 313 http://www2.bc.edu/robert-murphy Professor Bob Murphy Maloney, Room 394 Office Hours: W 3:30-4:30 E-mail: murphyro@bc.edu

## Honors Thesis Seminar

<u>Purpose of Course</u>: This seminar serves as the organizational framework for students writing senior honors theses. The course serves three purposes. First, the seminar provides background information on how to write a thesis. Second, it provides structure to the thesis-writing process, affording students the opportunity to make presentations of their work and receive feedback. Finally, the seminar gives thesis writers the opportunity to meet together as a group and benefit from each other's insights.

Meetings: We will meet on Wednesday, August 29 at 8:30 in Maloney 313 to discuss the structure of a thesis, hear from each of you a

concisely. Another helpful guide is *The Writing of Economics*, by D. McCloskey, Waveland Press. 1999.

Academic Integrity: The academic functioning of Boston College requires academic integrity, which in this course means that you properly attribute credit for the work of others in your class presentations and in your writing. Violations of academic integrity will be reported to your class dean and reviewed by the College of Arts and Sciences Academic Integrity Committee. You should review the University's policy on academic integrity at <a href="bc.edu/integrity">bc.edu/integrity</a>. If you have questions, please consult with me and/or your thesis adviser. Also see the document entitled, "Thesis Proposal Guidelines," which is posted on the course web page, for details on a suggested format for citing others' work in your thesis.