



**ENG 491.03H (Honors Thesis Readings)**

**COURSE SYLLABUS: Spring, 2014**

**Time & Location: To be arranged with student**

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**COURSE INFORMATION**

**Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings**

**Textbook(s) Required**

No texts required; student and professor will use texts and sources as needed for the thesis

**Course Description**

Catalogue Description: No description; a thesis readings course workload and assignments are determined by the student's topic and advisor's guidance.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

1. Upon completing selected readings, the student will produce and defend an honors thesis proposal. If the student does not complete and defend the thesis proposal during the Spring 2014 semester, the instructor will assign a grade of "I" and the student will defend the proposal in a subsequent semester.

## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

The student should have reliable access to a computer with a word-processing program and printer and internet access.

## COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

### Interaction with Instructor Statement

Given the nature of a thesis project, the student has direct and near-unfettered access to the professor as the student completes readings and writes the thesis proposal.

## COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

### Course Specific Procedures

#### *Academic Honesty Policy*

Texas A&M University-Commerce does not tolerate **plagiarism** and other forms of **academic dishonesty**. Conduct that violates generally-accepted standards of academic honesty is defined as academic dishonesty. "Academic dishonesty" includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism (the appropriation or stealing of the ideas or words of another person and passing them off as one's own), cheating on exams or other course assignments, collusion (the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing course assignments), and abuse (destruction, defacing, or removal) of resource material. Instructors uphold and support the highest academic standards, and students are expected to do likewise. Penalties for students guilty of academic dishonesty include disciplinary probation, suspension and expulsion (Texas A&M University-Commerce Code of Student Conduct 5.b[1, 2, 3]). Cheating, including plagiarizing papers in whole or part, will result in a grade of zero (0) on the assignment for the first offense and failure of the course for any subsequent offenses.

#### *Attendance Policy*

Because your active participation in discussions is expected, attendance is vital for success in this course. Attendance requires more than simply being physically present in class: You must engage regularly and productively in course discussions. *Please silence cell phones and other potentially-disruptive devices prior to class.*

Although I welcome and encourage differing views and friendly debates among class members, I expect all students to treat other class members with respect and courtesy. I will not tolerate rudeness and insulting remarks.

## **University Specific Procedures**

### **ADA Statement**

#### **Students with Disabilities**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

#### **Office of Student Disability Resources and Services**

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Gee Library- Room 132

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

[StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu](mailto:StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu)

### **Student Conduct**

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See *Code of Student Conduct from Student Guide Handbook*).